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PUBLIC NOTICE.

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Births.

WINTERTON.—December 26, at Holborow-street, Croydon, the wife of Gr.-Mr. Sgnt. T. Winterton, Mt. Rifles, of a son. Home papers please copy.

Marriages.

DAY—MORRIS.—December 20, at St. John's, Bishopthorpe, Glebe Point, by the Rev. S. S. Tovey, assisted by the Rev. J. Dark, uncle to the bridegroom, Everard England, eldest surviving son of the late W. E. Day, to Ada A. (Dot), only surviving daughter of the late Frederick Morris, of this city.

Deaths.

BROWN.—December 22, at Colstoun, Upper Paterson, Francis Herington, eldest son of Herbert Lindeman Brown, and grandson of Herbert H. Brown, M.P., aged 2 years and 10 months.

BARCOURT.—December 25, 1893, at Cardigan, Lavender Bay, North Sydney, George Harcourt, of Dealand, Gloucestershire, aged 81 years.

ORR.—December 24, at Bendigo, Victoria, Mary, the beloved mother of Mrs. John Morrow, Paddington, and grandmother of Mrs. Robert Walker, Croydon, aged 83.

SMITHERS.—December 25, at 39 Roslyn-street, Darlinghurst, Augustus Charles, son of the late C. J. Smithers, aged 25 years.

WEBBER.—December 26, at the residence of his parents, Audley-street, Marrickville, Albert Leslie, the beloved son of William John and Annie Webber, aged 10 months.

In Memoriam.

BETHEL.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, who departed this life December 27th, 1887, aged 46 years. Inserted by her loving son, Harry.

COE.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, Elizabeth Coe, who departed this life December 27, 1892, aged 81 years. Inserted by her loving daughter, Mrs. James Flynn. Home papers please copy.

HILTON.—In loving remembrance of our dear son, Willie, who died on the 27th December, 1886, aged nearly 5 years. Gone, but not forgotten. William and Jane Hilton.

KIDD.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Hugh Kidd, who departed this life 27th December, 1892. Inserted by his loving sons, Michael and Thomas.

M'GRATH.—In fond and loving remembrance of Mary Ann M'Grath, who departed this life on December 27th, 1876. Inserted by her loving daughter, Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Jersey Saloon, 68 William-street, Sydney.

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FOR LONDON,

touching at the usual intermediate ports en route.

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Leave Sydney at noon.	Leave Melbourne at noon.	Leave Adelaide at noon.
Arcadia	6593	W. R. Andw	Jan. 8	Jan. 13	Jan. 17
Valetta	6915	R. F. Briscoe	Jan. 22	Jan. 27	Jan. 31
Himalaya	5527	Capt. J. Orman	Feb. 5	Feb. 10	Feb. 14
Tarawera	4777	F. Harris	Feb. 19	Feb. 24	Feb. 28
Britannia	6250	C. F. Preston	March 5	Mar. 10	Mar. 14
Massilia	4910	C. Fraser	Mar. 19	Mar. 24	Mar. 28
Australia	7003	I. Reeves	April 2	April 7	April 11
Balloarat	4708	T. S. Angus	April 16	April 21	April 25
Victoria	4026	A. W. Adamson	April 30	May 5	May 9

And thereafter every alternate week.

RATES OF PASSAGE-MONEY TO LONDON:—

First Saloon	... ...	£60 to £70
Second Saloon	... ...	£35, £37, £40
Return Tickets	... ...	£65 to £115.

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Steamer.	Command'r.	Date of Departure. Sydney Noon.	Melbourne Nov.	Adelaide 1 p.m.
AUSTRALIEN	G. Didier	Dec. 27	Dec. 29	Jan. 2
		1893	1893	
V. DE LA CIOTAT	Flaschi	Jan. 27	Jan. 31	Feb. 2
POLYNESIEN	Boulard	Feb. 27	Mar. 3	Mar. 5

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Name of Steamer.	Commander.	Tons Regr.	Date.
ABERDEEN	C. Taylor	3701	January 27
AUSTRALASIAN	T. F. Spalding	3701	February 28

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ORMUZ	6963 tons	W. E. White, R.N.R.	Dec. 30 1894.
OROTAVA	5552 "	R. Studdert	Jan. 15
ORUBA	5552 "	J. Lindsay Hay	Jan. 29
AUSTRAL	5524 "	F. M. Tuke, R.N.R.	Feb. 12
CUZCO	3918 "	J. F. Anderson	Feb. 26
OPHIR	6916 "	J. F. Ruthven	Mar. 12

And fortnightly thereafter.

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Steamer.	Tns	Leave Sydney, 4 p.m.	Leave Auckland, 2 p.m.	Arrive at 'Frisco.
MONOWAI*	3433	December 25	December 30	January 18
ALAMEDA	3158	January 22	January 27	February 15
MARIPOSA	3158	February 19	February 24	March 15

* R.M.S. MONOWAI sails 11 a.m. on 25th DECEMBER.

Passengers booked to all the principal parts of EUROPE, UNITED STATES, AND CANADA AT LOWEST FARES.

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S.S. WAIHORA, SATURDAY, December 30, at 1 p.m.
S.S. MARAROA, SATURDAY, January 6, at 1 p.m.

For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN, transhipping to outports—
S.S. WAKATIPU, FRIDAY, December 29, at 4 p.m.
S.S. TARAWERA, FRIDAY, January 5, at 4 p.m.

TASMANIA.

HOBART.—S.S. OONAH, THURSDAY, December 28.

STEERAGE, £3 30s; cabin, £6 6s.

LAUNCESTON, via Hobart—S.S. CORINNA, FRIDAY, December 29, at noon.

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For TONGA, HAABAI, VAVAU, and SAMOA—
Per S.S. MARAROA, SATURDAY, January 6, at 1 p.m., transhipping to S.S. UPOLU at Auckland.

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NEW ZEALAND PORTS and HOBART—
S.S. MANAPOURI, SATURDAY, December 30, at 2 p.m.
LAUNCESTON, HOBART, S.S. TATEENA, THURSDAY, December 28, at 3 p.m.
N.W. COAST PORTS (Tasmania), every TUESDAY.

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will be despatched as follows (if practicable):—

Steamer.	Tns	Commander.	Leave Sydney noon.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide.
			1894.	1894.	1894.
Habsburg	3217	R. Heintze	Jan. 3	Jan. 6	Jan. 10
Gera	3419	W. Von Schuckmann	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 5
Salier	3214	Koenemann	Feb. 28	March 3	March 7
Hohenstaufen	3243	J. Horben	Mar. 28	April 3	April 7

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HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

FOR MELBOURNE	Koonowarra, To-night, 10. Derwent, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 5 p.m. Peregrine, Sat., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
ADELAIDE PORT PIRIE BROKEN HILL	Koonowarra, To-night, 10. Derwent, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
PORT AUGUSTA	Koonowarra, To-night, 10.
BRISBANE ROCKHAMPTON	Rodondo, This Day, 5 p.m. Leura, Saturday, Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
MARYBOROUGH HUNDABERG MACKAY TOWNSVILLE DUNGENESS JOHNSTONE RIVER CAIRNS PT. DOUGLAS.	Rodondo, This Day, 5 p.m. Burwah, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 5 p.m. Leura, Saturday, Dec. 30, 1 p.m. Suamyong, Sat., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.

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			1894.
DORUNDA	3136	F. A. Wilson	Tuesday, Jan. 16
ROMA	3727	J. Templeton	Tuesday, Feb. 13
MERKARA	3094	L. R.N.R. T. Bennemann	Tuesday, Mar. 13

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MELBOURNE	Arawatta	This Day, noon, Dec. 27
ADELAIDE	Glanworth	Friday, 11 p.m., Dec. 29
WEST AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Glanworth	Friday, 11 p.m., Dec. 29
	Warroonga	Friday, 5 p.m., Jan. 5
BRISBANE	Arsamac	This Day, 3 p.m., Dec. 27
MARYBOROUGH BUNDABERG	Ranelagh	Friday, 11 p.m., Dec. 29
GLADSTONE ROCKHAMPTON	Ranelagh	Friday, 11 p.m., Dec. 29
MACKAY	Arsamac	This Day, 3p.m., Dec. 27
BOWEN	Arsamac	This Day, 3 p.m., Dec. 27
TOWNSVILLE	Arawatta	Wed'day, 3 p.m., Jan. 3
Dungeness, Cardwell, Mourilyan, Johnstone River	Arsamac (change at Townsville)	This Day, 3 p.m., Dec. 27
CAIRNS	Arsamac	This Day, 3 p.m., Dec. 27
PT. DOUGLAS	Arawatta	Wed'day, 3 p.m., Jan. 3
COOKTOWN		
THURSDAY IS.		
NORMANTON	Arsamac	This Day, 3 p.m., Dec. 27
BURKETOWN		
NORMANTON	Birksgate	To-mor., 5 p.m., Dec. 28
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LEVUKA }		

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Weather and other circumstances permitting.

MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 29th instant, 5 p.m.	BURRUMBEET.
(See Special Advertisement.)		
NEW ZEALAND	WEDNESDAY, 10th January.	TASMANIA. (SEE SPECIAL ADVT.)
HOBART DIRECT	About TUESDAY, January 2.	TAMBO.
LAUNCESTON, transhipment at MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 26th instant, at 5 p.m.	BURRUMBEET.
WEST AUSTRALIAN GOLDFIELDS (from Melbourne)	STEAMER EARLY.	
NEWCASTLE	Frequently. Cargo at nominal rates.	
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FRIDAY, 5th January	ELINGAMITE	at 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, 12th January	BURRUMBEET	at 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, 19th January	ELINGAMITE	at 5 p.m.

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FARES:
TO AUCKLAND,
Saloon, £2 15s; Return, £4 5s; Steerage, £1 7s 6d.
TO WELLINGTON,
Saloon, £3; Return, £4 10s; Steerage, £1 10s.
Other ports in proportion.

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Day.	Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Wed.	Dec. 27	at 11.30 p.m.	at 11.30 p.m.
Thur.	Dec. 28	Namoi	Newcastle
Fri.	Dec. 29	Namoi	Newcastle
Sat.	Dec. 30	Newcastle	Namoi

SPECIAL NOTICE.—From Saturday, 23rd, until Tuesday, 2nd January, inclusive, the passenger steamers will leave Sydney and Newcastle at 11.30 p.m.

FARES: Saloon, Single, 7s. Return (available 2 months), 10s 6d; Berth Cabin Berths, 2s extra (each way); Steerage, 4s each way.

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For MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PORT PIRIE, BROKEN HILL. S.S. INNAMINCKA, from Lime-street Wharf, SATURDAY, DEC. 30, at 1 p.m.

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For BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, MACKAY, and TOWNSVILLE, connecting with NORTHERN PORTS. S.S. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN, from Lime-street Wharf, SATURDAY, DEC. 30, at 1 p.m.

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ALBANY and FREMANTLE, connecting with all NORTHERN PORTS. S.S. BULLARRA, from Melbourne about 2nd January. S.S. INNAMINCKA, leaving Sydney on 30th December, will connect with Bullarra at Melbourne.

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WEATHER PERMITTING.

Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Tues., Fri., 11 p.m.
Moruya, Clyde, Batemen's Bay, Friday, 9 a.m.
Ulladulla, Friday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, noon.
Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Saturday, Wednesday, noon.
Tathra, Pambula, Saturday, Wednesday, noon.

No cargo received after 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. days of sailing.

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The New S.S. DYXON, 200 tons, will be despatched from Albion Wharf THIS DAY, at 6 p.m.

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From CLARENCE WHARF, 3 Sussex-street.
CLARENCE RIVER—City of Grafton, To-morrow, at 5 p.m.
RICHMOND RIVER—Tomki, Friday next.
MACLEAY RIVER—Burnawong, To-morrow, noon.
BRUNSWICK RIVER (transhipping at Ballina)—Tomki, Friday next.
BYRON BAY (transhipping at Ballina)—Tomki, Friday next.

From MARKET WHARF. Telephone, 928.
MANNING RIVER—Electra, To-morrow, 7 p.m.
PORT MACQUARIE and NAMBUCCA RIVER—Rosedale, To-morrow, 2 p.m.

RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

CHEAP EXCURSION FARES BY S.S. OAKLAND from the 19th to 31st instant. Return Tickets (not transferable) will be issued, available for one month from date of issue, at following rates:—
BALLINA: Saloon, 30s; steerage, 22s 6d. LISMORE and above Ballina: Saloon, 35s; steerage, 25s.

RICHMOND and BRUNSWICK RIVERS.—The S.S. OAKLAND, FRIDAY Next, at 8 p.m., from Yeager's Wharf, Tymbull.

Brunswick goods transhipped at Ballina.

STEAM to Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, and Nelligen (for Braidwood).—S.S. PETERBOROUGH leaves Cadmans Wharf, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m. Passengers and cargo. Reduced fares, holiday rates. John Aubin, agent.

STEAMSHIP TRIDENT leaves Caledonian Wharf 5 for Moruya, Wagonga, and Bermagui TO-MORROW, at 1 p.m. Passengers and cargo. Reduced fares, holiday rates. Moruya S.N. Co. G. FISHBURN, Manager.

TWEED RIVER STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Newcastle Wharf, Lime-street.

S.S. AUGUSTA, for TWEED RIVER and BYRON BAY positively THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 9 p.m. Cargo now received. Deck Cabins.

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FOR WOOLGOOLGA and CLARENCE RIVER.—The S.S. LASS O' GOWRIE will leave Lime-street Wharf TO-MORROW, 28th inst., at 7 p.m. Cargo received all day to-day and to-mor. R. T. Gibson, agent, 247 Geo.-st.

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LEAVE MANLY: 7.15, 8, 9, 9.45, 10.45, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.0, 8.30, 10.15.

SPECIAL TIME-TABLE FOR SUNDAYS.

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LEAVE MANLY: 7.15, 8.0, 8.45, 9.45, 11.30 a.m.; 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.15, 6.30, 7.0, 8.30, 10.15 p.m.

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W. G. GERMAN, Secretary.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1893.

In addition to the ordinary trains, SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney at 12.48 and 1.3 p.m. from No. 2 Platform, and will be due at Ashfield at 1.2 and 1.14 p.m. respectively, returning immediately after the last race.

The 4.50 p.m. Western Train will stop at Ashfield to pick up passengers if required.

Horses for the Richmond line will be picked up at Ashfield by the 4.50 p.m. train from Sydney, and those for Western Stations (other than the Richmond line), Parramatta, Granville, and Southern Stations, will leave Ashfield by Special Train at 5.43 p.m., the Western horses going forward by the train leaving Sydney at 4.50 p.m., and for Southern Stations by the train leaving Granville at 7.22 p.m.

Return Fares—Sydney to Ashfield: First class, 9d; second-class, 7d.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

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Tickets (one guinea) may be obtained from the secretary or members of committee.
F. W. S. SMITH, Secretary.

PYRMONT and ULTIMO S. School Picnic To-day to Cabarita.—S.S. Leichhardt leaves Pyrmont Jetty-street Wharf, 11, 2: Circular Quay, Floating Jetty, 10.30, 1.30. Rev. R. S. PATERSON.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON Next, 30th December, at 2 o'clock sharp, S.S. NEWCASTLE, 1251 tons, to Railway Bridge and round Dangar Island, arriving at Sydney on return about 7 p.m.
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Ordinary, 11.5 a.m., 11.35 a.m., 12.5 p.m., 12.35 p.m., 1.5 p.m., 1.20 p.m., 1.35 p.m., and 2.5 p.m., and every half hour after.
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THE HURDLE RACE—THE SELLING RACE—THE CARRINGTON STAKES—THE FLYEWELL STAKES—THE PACK WELTER—THE CLUB HANDICAP.
SECOND DAY, MONDAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY), 1st JANUARY, 1894.
FIRST RACE STARTS at 1 p.m.
THE NEW YEAR'S GIFT—THE DISPOSAL STAKES—TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP—THE STEEPLE-CHASE—THE NURSERY HANDICAP—THE WELTER HANDICAP.
Members of the A.J.C. will be admitted to the Saddling Paddock on presentation of their tickets for the current year.
Persons entitled to Passes for the meeting can obtain same on FRIDAY, 29th December, before 4 p.m., at No. 2 Tattersall's Club-chambers.
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The best and by far the cheapest and most instructive place to go to during the Christmas Holidays with a large family is the "ZOO."
The best place for Picnics during the holidays is decidedly the "ZOO," with its pretty lake, lawns, Terraces, and Garden. Therefore, by all means take the children to the "ZOO," where they can see and study the habits of the Birds, Animals, and Reptiles in the Society's splendid Menagerie.
Among the latest additions to the Live Stock are three fine Bactrian, or double-humped Camels, which have been deposited in the Zoological Gardens for the Christmas Holidays by Mr. Abdul Wade, of Bourke, for the benefit of the society. These animals are well worth seeing. There are also families of young Lions and Pumas.
Children can ride on the Elephant, the Pony, and the Soudan Donkey.
Mr. J. BUROWS will put the Elephants through their wonderful performance at 3 p.m.
The Lions, Tigers, Leopards, and Pumas will be fed at 4 p.m.; the Pelicans at 4.30 p.m.
Refreshments can be obtained at moderate prices at Messrs. Quong Tart and Co.'s Chinese Pavilion.
Admission to the Gardens, 6d; children, 3d.
The Randwick and Coogee trams stop at the gates. Fare, 3d; children, 1d.

GOLDEN PHEASANT TOBACCO "takes the cake." The best in the world.

FOR Australian climate Marchant's brewed drinks, Hop Beer and Pampanis, are theyvery thing.

Government Notices.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, December 22, 1893.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.

(For Conditions see Government Gazette.)

TENDERS for the Works, &c., specified below will be received at this Department until 11 o'clock a.m. on the dates mentioned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Construction of Earthwork Dam Across Alumy Creek, Grafton.
Construction of Wharf at Government Dock, Cundletown, Manning River.
Waltimo-rooms, &c., North Shore Ferry Jetty, Circular Quay.
Fencing round Service Reservoir and Dam, Nowra Water Supply.
Fittings, &c., New Mining School, University of Sydney Caretaker's Cottage, University of Sydney.
SUPPLY DURING 1894 and 1895.
(£10 deposit required in respect of each contract.)
To be Manufactured in N.S.W.
Furniture.
Foreign or Colonial Manufacture.
Carpets, Floorcloths, Linoleum, &c.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1894.
Bridge, Cow Creek, road Moulamein to Koondrook
Bridge, Wakool River, road Moulamein to Koondrook.
Bridge, Wilson's River, at Bellengarra. Time extended.
Erection of Building in connection with the Hospital for the Insane, Kenmore.
Construction of Hand-geared Timber Punt for Hunter River at Mosquito Island.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.
Erection of Engineer's Residence, Pumping-station, Dubbo Water Supply.
Erection of Turncock's Cottage at Reservoir, Dubbo Water Supply.
Supply of Right Screw-cutting Lathes for the Naval Station, Garden Island.
Construction of Stormwater Sewer, Point Piper-road to Rushcutter Bay. Contract No. 100 Point Piper Sewerage.
Construction of Partitions, Doors, &c., Sail-loft, Naval Station, Garden Island.
Gates and Grills to Openings, Chain and Anchor Store, Garden Island.
WILLIAM JOHN LYNE.
Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, 20th December, 1893.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of a Girls' School at the Ashfield Superior Public School.
For full particulars see Government Gazette.
Plans and specifications may be seen at this Office, where Tenders will be received up to noon on THURSDAY, the 11th January, 1894.
F. B. SUTTOR.
Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, 22nd December, 1893.

ORDERS for Admission to the Nautical School Ship Sobrson and the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, on Visiting Day, 4th January, 1894, will be issued from this Office, to Parents or Guardians and Near Relatives only, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 2nd and 3rd January, 1894, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
E. JOHNSON, Under-Secretary.
Department of Public Works, Roads and Bridges Branch, Sydney, 19th December, 1893.

TO CONTRACTORS.
TENDERS will be received up to 12.0 noon on WEDNESDAY, 3rd January, 1894, for the supply and fixing complete of a five-pile Dolphin at Pyrmont Bridge, Darling Harbour.
Plan and specification can be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom tenders are to be addressed.
E. M. DE BURGH, Supervising Engineer for Bridges.

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CANTERBURY RACES, THIS DAY.—Race Meeting of the Day. Trial of new starting machine. Special trains 12.48 p.m. and 1.3 p.m. Ordinary trains every half-hour.

TIVOLI THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager ... Mr. Harry Rickards.
THE SAME OLD SWEET STORY:
NIGHTLY PACKED, JAMMED, CRAMMED by delighted and enthusiastic audiences to witness
Mr. HARRY RICKARDS
and his New Tivoli Minstrels and Specialty Company.
THE SILVER CASCADE,
painted by that great artist, Mr. R. Vaughan.
Elegant New and Original Costumes designed by Miss Kate Rickards, made by Madam Chenon and Assistants.
Messrs. DELSHEEY, CRAYTON, and HOLLAND,
Madam KATHERINE VINCENT,
CHAS. FOPE and SAYLES, IRVING
Miss AMY SHERWOOD, Miss E. MORRISON,
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Our Splendid Quartette, as follows:—
C. R. JONES, Tenor L. STANBRIDGE, Soprano
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A NICE QUIET WEEK. "RECRUITING," and E DUNNO WHERE E ARE.
The new and beautiful Vocal Ballet, entitled
MA JANETTE,
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20 Lady Vocalists and Dancers. 20
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Songs, Band Pieces, Recitations, Speeches, &c., &c.
30 STRAND ARCADE.
OPEN DAILY FROM 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
3 SELECTIONS FOR 6d.

THE CYCLORAMA, opposite Railway.—New and CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.

EMERITI C.C. disengaged Saturday, with ground. H. Budge, Box 30, G.P.O.

EARLSLEIGH'S Wicket to LET, Moore Park, Sat. next. R. Watkins, c.o. Pops and Co., 139 York-st.

ERSKINEVILLE C. C. disengaged 30th, with wicket. P. Howe, "B" Corres. Branch, G.P.O.

UNIVERSITY OVAL to LET, New Year's Day. Apply Caretaker.

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WHEN tired, worn, and weary, try Marchant and Co.'s Hop Beer and Pampanis.

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General Merchandise.

PEATE AND HARCOURT, GROCERS, IMPORTERS, WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS, 285 George-street, Sydney, Importers of
Finest ales, wines, spirits and liqueurs, teas, coffee, sugars, rock and Liverpool salt, Skinner's real turtle soup for invalids, Finnis and Fisher's real York hams; Stilton, Gruyere, Edam, Parmesan, Roquefort, and Camembert cheese; Crosse and Blackwell's breakfast delicacies.
Cascade Ale (Hobart) in five-gallon kegs and nine-gallon firkins. This ale being light is specially adapted for Summer use.
Our celebrated Three Crown Whisky in bottle, or jars.
PEATE and HARCOURT, 285 George-street, Sydney.

BISQUIT DUBOUCHE and CO.'S BRANDY, dark and pale, in hogsheads, quarter-casks, and cases. GARRICK and CO., Agents.

TANKS, 400 gallons, best London make. J. T. and J. Tooher, Standard Brewery, Elizabeth-st.

EX MONOWAI, from California.—Prime new HOPS, 1s 3d. S. Marks, New York Brewery, Newt'n.

TEETH.—A COMPLETE SET, ONE GUINEA.—THE LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE, 86 KING-STREET.—Single Teeth, 2s 6d; precisely the same CELEBRATED GOLD and PRIZE MEDAL TEETH, mounted on the ATMOSPHERIC SUCTION, as advertised at the highest cost by other firms. FIVE YEARS' WARRANTY. Country patients supplied in one visit. PAINLESS EXTRACTIONS with GAS, 5s.

A REVOLUTION IN DENTISTRY.—The London Dental Institute's Economical System offers the following advantages:—Absolute painless treatment, no unnecessary extractions, perfect and permanent life-like appearance. Special soft palates for tender gums.

DR. HACKETT writes:—"The London Dental Institute have one of the largest practices in the world. . . . The scale on which they work enables them to employ both capital and labour in the most effective and economical way, and content themselves with a reasonable profit on each individual transaction. Being able to keep their chairs full from morning to night, they can employ the most highly skilled operators and the best materials. They can do everything that science and experience suggest to satisfy every customer."

SEND or CALL for our Great WORK on DENTISTRY, post free on application to the LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE, 86 KING-ST., two doors from Pitt-st., the only address. Hours, 9 to 6.

Military Notices.

CORPS of ENGINEERS.—Field Companies Annual MEETING, 9th January, 8 p.m.
By order, C. STUART CANDELL, Captain and Secretary.

Books, Publications, &c.

NICE BOOKS for NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
We offer the best selection in Sydney of all classes of literature, from that which, as big type and plentiful pictorial display, appeals to the infant mind, to works fit for the most erudite philosopher.
THE BEST BOOKS at THE LOWEST PRICES.
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All the latest Publications and large Stocks in every Department.
Art Booklets and Calendars for the New Year.

SHOWING TO-DAY, a Special Collection of PAINE'S celebrated Photograph New Year Cards for intercolonial exchange of season's courtesies.
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THE PHOTOLINE COMPANY'S GREAT NEW YEAR CARDS SUCCESS.
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LIBRARIES and Parcels of BOOKS purchased; also Pamphlets, MSS., and Autograph Letters relating to Australasia, Polynesia, Angus and Robertson, 89 Castlereagh-street, opp. Royal School. New Books by every mail.

YEAR BOOK of New South Wales for 1894, is, post 1s 4d. Turner and Henderson, Sydney.

Auction Sales.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
THIS DAY, at half-past 10 sharp.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, the following:—
At half-past 10 o'clock,
Vans, springcarts, horses, and harness.
Draught horses, fat horses, and harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Superior draught mares and geldings
Well-bred saddle and harness horses
Van, 'bus, and saddle horses. Telephone, 1381.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
IMPORTANT SALE of HIGH-CLASS PONIES, LIGHT HARNESS AND SADDLE HORSES, and PUREBRED JERSEY CATTLE, FROM VICTORIA.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. TRESTRAIL, VICTORIA, to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, at 11.30 a.m.,
40 HIGH-CLASS PONIES, comprising well-matched pairs, broken to saddle and harness or to lead.
Also,
Superior saddle and harness horses.
Also,
the same day, at 2.30 p.m.,
10 head pure Jersey cows and heifers, newly calved and forward in calf.
FULL PARTICULARS IN FUTURE ADVERTISEMENTS.
MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, Thursday, December 28, at half-past 10 o'clock.
On account of Messrs. S. M'Mins, D. Buffler, Macintosh Bros., Thomas Briggs, and other owners.
60 first-class milch cows in full milk, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter Districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
20 first-class fat and dry cattle.
BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
INGLIS'S WEEKLY STOCK SALE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, TO-MORROW, Thursday, 28th December, at 2 o'clock,
70 prime fat calves, from Liverpool, Camden, and St. Mary's
200 prime fat pigs, from Moss Vale, Bega, Camden, Picton, &c.
50 prime fat pigs, suburban lots
80 first-class store pigs.
HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
All lots not specially advertised.
And at 12 o'clock,
All lots specially advertised.
Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.
LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate and best of forage.
TATTERSALL'S ANNUAL MEETING.
GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary of Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 12 o'clock.
The Right to the Entrance Gates and St. Leger Reserve for the above meeting, to be held at Randwick, on Saturday, December 30th, and New Year's Day.
6 SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSES.
GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 12 o'clock,
6 useful saddle and harness horses, in good condition, and subject to trials.
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CRICKET MATCH.
GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Association Cricket Ground to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on FRIDAY NEXT, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The Right to the bars (South-eastern or terrace, and south-western booth) for the S. A. Cricket Match, commencing January 6, 1894.
To Breeders of High-class Stock, Private Gentlemen, Sporting Men, and others.
GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets.
On 2nd January, 1894,
Horses and vehicles, &c., in M'Quade's Estate.
On 9th January, 1894,
in conjunction with William Gosper,
Thoroughbred stock, formerly the property of the late Mr. T. Sampson.
See full particulars last Saturday's Herald.
Catalogues will be ready in a few days.
Anyone desirous of offering stock at either of the above sales kindly forward particul

NEW YEAR GIFTS. NEW YEAR CARDS.

NEW YEAR CARDS.

COME AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF NEW YEAR PRESENTS IN OUR WINDOW AND SHOWROOMS, IN PRICES FROM 1s UPWARDS.

OUR ARTISTIC WINDOW IS ONE OF THE SIGHTS OF SYDNEY.

Fix upon the number of cards you require, and send along the amount you wish to spend in stamps to the address as below, and you are sure to be pleased with the cards you will receive by return mail.

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(C. E. FULLER and CO.), ESTABLISHED 20 YEARS,

OPPOSITE THE STRAND, 385 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

SLAP BANG! HERE WE ARE AGAIN,

with £100 £100 £100 £100

TO BE GIVEN AWAY!!

As good as a CONSULTATION and very much fairer than some.

The cry is STILL THEY COME for the celebrated

"LEGER" TOBACCO. "LEGER" TOBACCO. "LEGER" TOBACCO.

The Manufacturers of this first-class brand are right up to date, and to show their appreciation of the support received from the public for the half-year ending December 17th, 1893, have determined to distribute another BONUS, double the amount of the last, viz.:—ONE HUNDRED POUNDS

£100 £100 £100 £100,

among smokers of the "LEGER," divided into

12 PRIZES. 12 PRIZES. 12 PRIZES.

as follows:—

To the person forwarding to the agent the largest number of "Leger" paper tags or labels from the plugs during the six months ending JUNE 16th, 1894, TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS	£25 0 0
For the second highest number, TWENTY POUNDS	20 0 0
For the third highest number, TEN POUNDS	10 0 0
For the fourth highest number, NINE POUNDS	9 0 0
For the fifth highest number, EIGHT POUNDS	8 0 0
For the sixth highest number, SEVEN POUNDS	7 0 0
For the seventh highest number, SIX POUNDS	6 0 0
For the eighth highest number, FIVE POUNDS	5 0 0
For the ninth highest number, FOUR POUNDS	4 0 0
For the tenth highest number, THREE POUNDS	3 0 0
For the eleventh highest number, TWO POUNDS	2 0 0
For the twelfth highest number, ONE POUNDS	1 0 0
	£100 0 0

Those WHO HAVE NOT TRIED IT SHOULD DO SO AT ONCE.

Ask for "LEGER" TOBACCO, PRICE ONE SHILLING PER BLOCK.

Country customers are particularly requested to forward orders at once to the sole agent, Mr. M. SIMMONS, so that all competitors may start on equal terms.

FUN and SMOKING will commence on DECEMBER 16th, 1893, and competition closes on JUNE 16th, 1894.

Be sure and send along without delay. Facts are stubborn things, and it is a fact that 5000 CASES of this favourite Brand have been sold and consumed in N. S. Wales in six months.

The manufacturers of the "LEGER" are determined to give smokers the benefit of this handsome bonus, and instead of advertising on walls, placards, and in newspapers, or sending out elaborate and gaudy showcards (which all cost money), they make the "LEGER" of SUPERIOR QUALITY rather than spend money on POL DE ROLE.

Smokers of the "LEGER" get the best Dark Tobacco in the World, and everyone has a chance of securing a magnificent Bonus as well.

DON'T FORGET, £100 £100 £100 £100, TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

COMPETITION CLOSES, JUNE 16th, 1894.

BONUS DISTRIBUTION, JUNE 25th, 1894.

PARCELS of TAGS will be received by Mr. M. SIMMONS, Haymarket, Sydney, who is authorised by the manufacturers to pay the Cash Bonuses to the successful competitors.

Country Storekeepers can obtain a SAMPLE FREE, FREE, FREE, forwarded to any part of New South Wales, on application to our Agent,

MR. M. SIMMONS, HAYMARKET, SYDNEY.

Auction Sales.

160 SUSSEX-STREET.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 27, at 11 a.m.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of Messrs. CHURCHWOOD and CO.

The Whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising

BAKING POWDER, in 1, ½, and ¼ lbs.
MIXED BLACK PEPPER, in ditto
Dito WHITE Dito, in ditto
CAYENNE, in ½lb. and 2oz. tins
CURRY, in ditto
GROUND GINGER, in ½lb. tins
CASTOR OIL, half-pints
SALAD OIL, ditto
HONEY, 2lb. tins, 1 dozen bottles
MARJORAM, in 5lb. tins
PRESERVALINE, in 1lb. tins
WORK SKINS, in kegs
THIRTEEN CASKS SAVITURE (preserving powder)
FIVE CASES "CAT" BRAND STARCH
HOP BITTERS, Sauces, Vinegar, Coffee Essences, Linseed Meal, &c., &c.

TO GROCERS, STOREKEEPERS, and OTHERS.

HARRIS and ACKMAN have received instructions to SELL by AUCTION, from a Bankrupt, THE PREMISES of MESSRS. CHURCHWOOD and CO., 160 SUSSEX-STREET, THIS DAY, DECEMBER 27th, at 11 a.m.

Catalogues may be obtained at the Offices of the Auctioneers.

TERMS AT SALE.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 27, at 11 a.m.

SEASONABLE PRESENTS.

MOST ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION of A CHOICE SELECTION

JEWELLERY, WATCHES, &c., Suitable for Christmas and New Year's Gifts, comprising

GENTN.'S GOLD WATCHES, by Ebrardt, Lawrence, Delarue, &c.

LADIES' and GENTN.'S GOLD ALBERTS, single and double, in 9, 10, 15, and 18 carat.

A Magnificent Assortment of DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

Single Stone Rings, Half-hoops, Clusters, Scarf Pins, Diamond and Sapphire Pins, Diamond Lockets, Studs, Brooches, Earrings, Bracelets, Bangles, &c.

LADIES' DRESS RINGS, in Pearl and Sapphire, Diamond and Pearl, Half-hoop, &c.

FANCY BROOCHES, in Choice Patterns. Cable, Flower, Diamond and Sapphire Wreath, Pearl Lace, Bird, &c.

FANCY BREAST PINS, NECKLETS and LOCKETS, PENDANTS, &c., &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL the ABOVE BY AUCTION, at the NEW AUCTION MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, 27th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT SALE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, at 11 a.m.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Under Instructions from the Importers.

Ex S.S. INDRAPURA.

8 CASES BRUSHWARE, comprising

Scrub, Shoe, Hair, Broom Bannister, Whisk Bannister, Hair, Cloth, Whisk Clothing, Whisk Dandy, Handle Cloth, Hat Brushes, White Wash, Dressing Combs, and Tooth Combs.

10 CASES FINE POLISH COPAL VARNISH, each 20 gallons
11 CASES POLISH, each 10 gallons.
5 CASKS ULTRAMARINE BLUE
5 CASES SUPERIOR PINK ULB BLUE, in 14lb. boxes
3 CASKS SUPERFINE INDIAN RED, 1cwt. each
40 BAGS VERMILION, &c., &c.

To Oil and Colourmen, Storekeepers, and Others.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will sell the ABOVE BY AUCTION, at the NEW AUCTION MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th, at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT SALE.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 27.

CONSIGNMENTS TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR.

REGULAR WEEKLY ALL-ROUND DRAPERY and CLOTHING SALE.

84 OILCLOTH, WHITE DRILL COMMODORES (trimmed blue), AJAX, GALATEA, and SAND SUITS,

JUST LANDED.

COLONIAL and ENGLISH MAKES BOOTS and SHOES.

JAMES RODD and CO. will sell by auction, at their old-established Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, close to Bank N.S.W.

DRAPERY, CLOTHING, and BOOTS and SHOES.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

WEATHERBOARD SHOP and DWELLING and a VALUABLE BLOCK of LAND (37 x 100 feet),

Situate No. 133 NEW SOUTH HEAD-ROAD, PADDINGTON, in the occupation of Mr. Birtles, Butcher.

Title, Leasehold, about 74 years to run; ground rent, £13.

G. T. CLARKE and CO. have received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell, as above, at their CITY AUCTION ROOMS, 168 PITT-STREET, opposite the G.P.O., on THURSDAY, 28th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

Also, ALLOTMENTS, No. 290, 291, 292, and 293, FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP. A choice block of land, in area 3r. 14p.

Also, ALLOTMENTS, No. 4, 5, 24, and 25, KENILWORTH ESTATE, having frontages to Birrell and Belgrave streets, WAVERLEY.

Further particulars on application to G. T. CLARKE and CO.

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Auction Sales.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

MOSMAN'S BAY.—IN THIS FAVOURITE RESIDENTIAL SUBURB, a BRICK-BUILT DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCE, standing in its own grounds of 2 roods 29 perches, situate fronting CLANADINE-STREET and MISTRAL-STREET, just off Curraghbeena-road, convenient to the Wharf. The HOUSE, which has recently been placed in good order, contains on the first floor 4 attic rooms, on the ground floor vestrance hall, verandah on 3 sides, 4 rooms, kitchen, laundry with copper, under-ground tank, &c. THE LAND possesses the following measurements:—About 178ft. to Clanalpine-street, about 207ft. to Mistral-street, by a depth on one side of about 285ft.

The SITUATION is charmed, and commands Charming Views in all directions.

Messrs. CREAGH and WILLIAMS, Solicitors, Bridge-street Chambers.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1894, The above-described property.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

RE RYAN: INTEREST AND LIFE POLICY.

A. ALL THAT THE SHARE AND INTEREST of Frederick Stephen Ryan, under and by virtue of the Will of his father, Thomas Ryan.

B. POLICY ON THE LIFE of Frederick Stephen Ryan, on the Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society, Limited, for £1000, dated 31st March, 1882. Annual premium, £2 3s 1s 8d.

Full particulars on application to Messrs. Fisher, Ralfe, and Macansh, Solicitors, George and King streets.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 11.30 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1894, The above-described property.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTORS in the Estate of the late JOHN WALSH, Esq.

Lot 1. WILLIAM-STREET, CITY, VACANT BLOCK of LAND, having 66ft. frontage to WILLIAM-STREET, by a depth of about 95ft., situate almost opposite Darlinghurst.

Lot 2. KENT and UNION STREETS, CITY, BLOCK of LAND, having 32ft. 2in. frontage to KENT-STREET, by a depth of 111ft. 9in. along UNION-STREET, with 2 shops and Dwellings and 4 Houses erected thereon.

Lot 3. BANDWICK, a Terrace of 9 well-built brick Houses, known as WALSH'S-AVENUE, situate fronting John-street, and facing the reserve. Eight houses each contain hall, 7 rooms, bathroom, study, kitchen, servant's room, verandah and balcony, &c. One house, in the centre of the terrace, contains hall, drawing and dining rooms, bathroom, 8 bedrooms, dressing-room, butler's pantry, kitchen, servant's room, verandah and balcony, &c. Large yards and back private entrances to each house.

THE LAND has about 360ft. frontage to JOHN-STREET, now THE AVENUE.

Lot 4. BLOCK of LAND, adjoining the above property, situate at the corner of ALLISON-ROAD and THE AVENUE, having 166ft. frontage to ALLISON-ROAD, upon which are erected W.B. stables and coachhouse.

Lot 5. BANDWICK, VACANT BLOCK of LAND, having 166ft. frontage to AVOCA-STREET (the main thoroughfare), by a depth of 242ft. to a lane at the rear, being lots 8 to 12, sec. 1, of the Brisbane Estate.

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Lot 6. ROOKWOOD, Vacant Block of Land, having 87ft. 9in. frontage to Nottingham Hill-road, and 87ft. 9in. to Lillian-street, by a depth of 300ft. along Park-road, being lots 1, 2, 17, and 18, sec. 1, of the Lillian Estate.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions from the Executors of the late John Walsh, Esq., to sell by public auction at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street,

EARLY IN JANUARY NEXT,

The above-described properties.

Messrs. ROLIN and GILDER, 92 Pitt-street, Solicitors for the Estate.

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Early in January Next,

the following SHARES in the above Estate:—

No. of Shares.	Name of Company.
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500	New Cobriore Broken Hill Silver-mining Company
625	Goodradigbee Gold-mining Company, Limited
407	Mount Wearmouth Colliery, Ltd., paid to £21 8s
200	Australasian Powder Explosive Manufacturing Co.
1	Hoff-Sutherland Estate Land Company, Limited
2000	Allt's Wine and Spirit and Brewing Co., Limited
500	Yarra Falls Flour Mills
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FUGITIVE NOTES.

Such an enterprise as the projected kidnapping of President Cleveland's daughter in the hope of extorting a ransom is not very reassuring to those who hope for everything from the progress and enlightenment of humanity. There is no great people on which the civilising influences have been more generally operative than the population of the United States, and what an American does not know in the sphere of the wide-awake is not worth knowing. If this quickening of the intellectual faculties had been accompanied by a gradual diminution in the practice of crime, it would have lent good aid to the theory that by education of the people the moral character can be raised. Taking experience and not theory for our guide, we would say that it is all about the other way, and that criminal instincts being there, they are merely stimulated by the training and directed into new channels. Whoever they were that conceived the idea of spiriting away Miss Cleveland, they were not of the ignorant criminal class, and the faculty perverted to this high emprise was just of that resourceful kind which is characteristic of a people who, with their wits about them, feel fitted to lick creation. The fact that there were two women in it may account for its ingenuity, as to many minds it will account for its failure, for a secret of the sort held by two women was in the natural order of things sure to ooze out. Had the daughter of the President been hidden away and held for ransom on pain of death, not only America but the world would have been startled by such a phenomenon in such a highly-organised state of social life, and it would have accentuated the opinion that the Americans are the smartest people alive. But the possibility of such an offence, and even the conception of it, show how little the sharpening of the wits by civilisation can do in banishing crime from the world.

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One would like to know more about that young man deported by the Rapid from one of the South Sea Islands on account of an objectionable habit of shooting his wives. It appears that he used to take his bride, and, putting a cocoanut on her head after the fashion of William Tell's apple, to exercise his skill as a rifleman in putting a bullet through it. In seven cases his fire was a little low, and, the bullet passing through the bride's head, he was ready for another matrimonial engagement. To say the least, he must have been an eligible party, or with such a peculiar method of celebrating his honeymoon, one would think he would cease to be run after by matchmaking mammas, to say nothing of a natural disinclination on the part of marriageable maidens themselves to link their fortunes with the island Bluebeard. But that he must have had some powerful fascination about him appears in the fact that deportation was the only cure, and that the islanders rejoiced in her Majesty's ship being the means of delivering them from his matrimonial proclivities. Of course we have only the one side of the case, and it is all against this young man, whose mouth we may suppose was closed after the fashion of an accused person in the presence of the Judge. But it is absurd to suppose that the practice, odd as it looks, was carried out gratuitously or without some practical object in view. It is probable that he had heard of nerves, and of their being a bother in domestic life, and he felt unsafe in entering on the cares of the household ménage without knowing whether the partner of his joys and sorrows had nerves. This was probably the secret of the cocoanut, and it may fairly enough be concluded that a woman that could stand to have a cocoanut shot at on her head would have nerves enough for any husband. The test was an ingenious one, though a little unfortunate for the seven. In these cases in all probability the accident occurred from deficiency of nerve control while passing the ordeal, and, making a little sudden start at the critical moment, they brought their heads within the line of fire.

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The difficulties of the Royal Tar with the harbour master in South Australia are of course in keeping with the spirit of the enterprise. They were the same with the authorities in Sydney, where the laws deemed requisite by civilisation for the preservation of human life were naturally irksome to a people who hope to fly from civilisation to where the employer and the capitalist cease from troubling and the weary workers are at rest. Next time the rendezvous of the recruits for New Australia is to be Noumea, and, as man is a social colony human life is not of much account, it will perhaps be found that the recruits and their leaders can dispense with any provisions for safety as they wish. But in the event of the French authorities shewing any impertinent curiosity as to the number of boats and lifebuoys, and the sufficiency of food and medicines and things, it will be competent to find some atoll in the South Seas where the prospective members of the New Australia can complete their arrangements without being pestered by the fussy interference of laws from which they are flying to the depths of the interior of South America. As a matter of fact, it may be urged by the New Australians that we have nothing to do with them or their arrangements, and that it should be nothing to us whether they all go down in the mid-ocean or be decimated by sickness in the middle passage. If humane instincts prompt society to make provision for the protection of all, it is just to get away from such fussy meddling that they are going in the Royal Tar; and, having sniffed the first breezes of freedom from afar, they naturally resent being reminded that they are still within the sphere of the conventionalisms of civilisation. This is the sentiment at the bottom of the struggle with the emigration authorities at Adelaide and here; and there is something eminently characteristic in this last kick to civilisation by way of good-bye.

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The ever-interesting subject of love-letters in the law courts has had new light thrown on it by the Judge's decision on the Sinero-Crosbie billet-doux. According to this, the right to ownership is fixed by the sincerity of the writer, and a severe judicial line is drawn between the true lover and the flirt. The lady who had committed her gushing tenderness to paper did not marry the object of her epistolary adoration, but another fellow, and the Judge took it that when she was writing the loving things she did not mean them, and therefore she had no right to the return of her letters. The reason of the "therefore" is what puzzles, and probably if the Judge had been asked himself to explain it he would be as nonplussed as ourselves. If a sweetheart feels what she writes, the letter is hers; if she does not, the letter belongs to her lover. It is odd, but it is law, or the Judge would not have said it. One certainly does not expect to find a very subtle appreciation of the peculiarities of the tender passion under a horse-hair wig, and one would like to know how the Judge found out that the lady did not mean it. The mere fact of marrying the other fellow is nothing to the point. She was probably angling for both of them, having her hooks baited accordingly, and the other fellow was the first to nibble. Had the Life Guardsman been a man of promptness, he might have been landed, and then there would have been nothing about the letters and their sincerity unless the other fellow had brought up his little bundle. But because he kept dawdling with the hook while the other fellow caught on he was left with nothing but the love-letters to remind him of the happy past. If the Judge had shown the calm judicial spirit, he might have called for the other fellow's letters, and he would have found that they were couched pretty much in similar terms. But he was evidently inexperienced in the arts of love, or had forgotten all about his early years with poring over old musty law books, and looked on lovemaking as being as methodical as conveyancing or a writ of attachment, and never for a moment imagined the ways of a girl when she has got two strings to her bow—or two beaux on a string.

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The question of outlet shafts for sewer gas, their uses and abuses, has been raised in correspondence, and the idea of their having any ill effect on the general health has been treated with the conventional pooh-pooh. That they are better than stopping all discoverable outlets from the sewers, and leaving the poison gases to accumulate and force a passage for themselves, is incontestable. But it will be difficult to make the average mind believe that the atmosphere of a great centre of population is not contaminated by many thousands of little jets pouring forth day and night their quota of poison fumes to the breathable material of the citizens. True, the oxydisation of the sewer gas, when perfect, makes it innocuous; but what of the oxygen that is consumed in the process, and what of the effect of it on the oxygenation of the blood of the people? Worse than this: can anyone guarantee that the whiffs of some of these jets—being placed at all varieties of elevation, and in all varieties of proximity to open windows—do not come at times in their undiluted intensity into places where they may work deadly havoc on human health? Sydney is justly praised for its efficient sewerage system, but this is just the point on which reform is wanted, and on which reform must be made before everything has been done to secure the health of the people. And what has become of the proposal that was made a few years ago, to have the sewer gas passed through fire before being admitted to the atmosphere? In theory the system was perfect. Great fires at shafts' mouths were to produce a suction that would draw a current of air and gas through all the sewers, and the blazing flames would do the rest. There may have been defects in practice. But, whether this or other means be devised, the time is coming when people will not be content to have the air that citizens breathe contaminated day and night by open jets of sewage gas, and there will not be a sufficient reply to protest in the habitual "pooh-pooh."

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A singular item appeared in a telegram the other day in connection with the case of the unhappy woman under sentence of death in Victoria. Intimation was sent from England that her parents there are "Christians," and in consequence it was urged that a petition should be got up for her reprieve. Turning to the Melbourne papers, it is seen that action has been taken accordingly by the "Associated Churches" and the active representatives of religious bodies, the inspiring motive apparently being that the woman's relatives at home are "Christians." Far be the thought that one word is intended against any effort to save an unhappy fellow-creature from an ignominious death. But is this not an illegitimate use of the masks of the brotherhood of Christianity? And does it not tend to lower religion when it is seen that its organisations combine to save a victim from the hands of the law because of Christian connections—a course which apparently would not be taken for another murderer not so fortunately gifted with religious relations. The fact of having been brought up amid religious surroundings may be a factor in preventing the commission of crime, but it certainly does not appear to be a very effective plea why crime should not be punished.

A. B. C.

THROUGH THE GARDEN OF AUSTRALIA.

FRUITGROWING IN CENTRAL CUMBERLAND.

No. II.

DURAL AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

After leaving Castle Hill the evidences of settlement on the roadsides are not numerous, and on route to Dural the uncleared bush, with its tall, straight trees, occupies a large portion of the territory. There are, however, at intervals delightful-looking orchards and comfortable homesteads, which vary the romantic scenery. Parties' clearings are to be seen, and tracks leading off the main road indicate settlements lying behind the timber, and cosy gardens are espied planted behind timber, which has been allowed to remain for the purpose of forming windbreaks. Many of the orchards are of recent creation, and show that the land is being gradually taken up, but thousands of acres remain waiting to be cleared, tilled, and planted. The country is composed of low elevations, with ridgelines, suitable for vegetables, while on the slopes of the hill everything is suitable for fruit-growing. Dural is doubtless indicated by some busy humble tenement that does duty as the post-office: but Kentlands, North Dural, and several other hamlets are centres of settlement around which scores of hard-working families are steadily, surely, and under the most agreeable surroundings winning a competence for themselves. Of course, it would be unnatural if amongst so many hundreds of people forming the population of these beautiful vales there were not some grumblers and dissatisfied people. Not a few complain that of late years prices have been absurdly low, and it is pointed out that a few years since 20s a case for lemons was readily obtained: now the sum of 4s 6d or 5s has to be accepted. The more reasonable of the people—and they are the bulk of the settlers—appear to think that four or five cases a year off a single lemon tree is not a bad return even at ruling rates, and if the facilities for getting fruit to market were a little better there would not be a great deal of which to complain. Although many of the gardens just beyond Dural on either side are of comparatively recent growth, others are many years old, and have been brought to a high state of perfection. Old settlers have found out that the orange and the lemon are the best for money-making purposes: but the fruits grown in other parts of the district thrive equally with the oranges and lemons, and the higher the altitude the better adapted for the natural conditions of the land are the citrous tribes. There is an almost imperceptible ascent from Baulkham Hills to Galston, a place some four miles beyond Dural, and here it is declared the very finest oranges and lemons in the colony, or even in the world, flourish. Amongst the oldest settlers at Dural are the Messrs. Moore, Fagan, and Black. These gentlemen have sons who on reaching man's estate have, in the majority of instances, gone in for their own gardens, and have thus extended the area under cultivation. Striking instances of this are afforded by the Messrs. S. J. Moore and Fagan. The former old resident has a comfortable little cottage abutting on the main road, and beside and behind it is an extensive orangery and orchard, well cultivated, and packed with oranges, lemons, apples, pears, apricots, peaches, plums, and passion vines, all bearing evidence on their laden branches of what can be done at Dural. Late as is the season, and although the oranges were ripe as early as May last, the second crop has not yet been entirely picked, and the fruit now hangs as tightly to the branches as it did half a year ago. The absence of windfalls demonstrates that the fruit is not easily shaken from the trees, and that much discrimination is displayed in plucking the fruit at the time it is most fitted for market.

Just behind Mr. Moore's orchard at a place called Sunnyside Mr. S. J. Moore, junior, has a thriving place. His intelligence and foresight are shown by the character of his trees and the facilities he has on his property for packing the fruit. Although he does not directly export a great quantity himself, hardly a day during the season passes on which his commodious trolly is not sent 15 miles into Parramatta with a load of assorted fruits. The area of his orchard at this place is 16 acres; and, although he has another garden at Galston and land elsewhere, making altogether 47 acres, he admits that if he were by himself Sunnyside would require more attention than he could give. In addition to several acres of oranges—mandarins and other varieties—and lemons, he grows a lot of apples, included in which is the Carrington, a product which reaches a large size and has the advantage of ripening early. Hundreds of well-kept, healthy plum trees, peach trees, apricots, passion vines, and pears help to give the garden an all-round producing power. Although the owner says that prices are low, he is satisfied with the returns he gets from his fruit. Another brother of this gentleman also has a compact orchard; and two of the nicest-looking houses on the Galston-road, with their capacious gardens attached, are the properties of the brothers S. and W. Fagan, whose surroundings indicate that, at all events in this wonderfully-favoured spot, fruit-growing has proved the golden fleece to them. There are scores of other prosperous settlers within a radius of a few miles and all appear to be doing well, at all events they are comfortably housed, and with their families enjoy the best of health, the boast of many of them being that there is not room in the district for a doctor. A few of the settlers who have been unable to get more than five or six acres of land find some difficulty in getting along when the price of fruit is low; but those who succeed in getting from 10 to 16 or 17 acres appear well satisfied with their lot.

The area which a man requires to enable him to get a comfortable subsistence for himself and family is a matter that causes a good deal of controversy; but there appears to be a consensus of opinion that, if a man gets 10 acres of first-class land at this place he can make at least a good living out of it. To do this, however, he has to devote the whole of his time to the orchard and marketing; but if he gets good trees and has the picked soil he can do very well. The mistake that some men make, according to Mr. S. J. Moore, jun., is that the majority of people want too much land. Twelve acres at the outside is enough for one man to attend to, and if he does his work properly he will do well, provided, of course, that climatic conditions are favourable. One grower in the district, some four years ago, showed a return of £600 as the result of his year's labours on 12 acres of land. Since then he has taken up more land, and a the trees planted in it have not yet come to maturity, he is rather sorry he added to his property as the necessities of the new land diverted much of his attention from the older portion of his orchard. Of course it has to be borne in mind that the sum named is an unusually good result and represented the realisation of years of care, close attention to the selection of trees, constant systematic pruning, and the renewal of the exhausted qualities of the soil. There, however, can be no doubt that a man with a little capital, with plenty of energy and ordinary intelligence, can do well on a small area about Dural. There is still a large quantity of land about here to be taken up, and although the soil is patchy the good patches are much more numerous than the bad ones. Without some capital, however, nothing can be done. The land is valued at about £20 an acre. It takes another £10 or £15 an acre to clear it of the heavy timber, stones, &c., and before it is ready for planting the initial cost will have reached £40 an acre. Then severe years of constant work will have to be put in befor any return can be expected. Lessons which reach their bearing stage first yield in about three years, but for the first year or two the return from them is not great. Oranges take perhaps another year before yielding the first of the two annual crops, and other fruit trees take even longer to mature. It may, therefore, be laid down that before any adequate return can be expected seven years will have elapsed from the taking up of the land, but after that there are no difficulties in the way of hundreds of people enriching the community and benefiting themselves at the same time. For present requirements the supply is quite equal to the demand, but as the supply increases doubtless fresh markets wil be opened up.

Another attraction possessed by this district is the beauty of its scenery. Within the boundaries of Dural are hundreds of picturesque houses, and a rugged character to the outlook is afforded by the low hills in the background crowded with sombre timber. Amidst the hills there are deep glens clothed in ferns, Christmas bush, and the beautiful Christmas bells, and although the means of communication to Galston is confined to a well-horsed coach, making a trip once a day, vehicles can be hired at Spring Hill which will convey visitors to the many charming spots in the district. Many of the side-roads, with their verdant hedges, have quite an English appearance, and it is hard to imagine a place more suited to a quiet holiday than any of the little settlements between Baulkham Hills and Galston. Between the cross-roads and Wiseman's Ferry, nearly 30 miles apart, there is on the direct road no hotel, but several of the residents can comfortably house visitors, and the majority of the orchardists are very ready to show visitors over their well-kept gardens. The future of the district seems to be assured. Nature has endowed the locality with the elements of prosperity, and a little attention at the hands of the Government in the direction of railway construction or improved roads should place Dural and its environs amongst the favourite resorts of New South Wales.

GALSTON.

The approach to Galston is through scenery of the loveliest character. Half a mile from the Dural post-office the coach takes a road that winds along the level of a hilly country. The quiet pastoral beauty of the district is enhanced by the elevations near the road, backed by low, thickly timbered hills beyond. Much of the country remains in its virgin state, and the thickness of the timber is an indication of the labour that has to be devoted to clearing the ground. Yet in spite of the difficulties that the settler has to encounter in establishing a home, there are within every half-mile of the wide area from Dural to Galston at least two or three houses. All are surrounded by orange and lemon groves, with early apples, pears, apricots, peaches, and plums, lending variety to the olive green which is the characteristic of the verdure which indicates the efforts that have been made to wrest wealth from the soil. No better evidence of the fruitfulness of the district of Galston can be afforded than is given in the fact that for the last five months about 300 cases of fruit per day have been despatched to market. This, at the low estimate of 4s per case—and few fruits have not returned more than that—shows an output of at least £60 per day, a sum which divided amongst few people is no small addition to the value of our products. At other places in this portion of the colony the orange and the lemon have been found the most profitable fruits, and that is the experience of growers at Galston. The majority of the orchardists are recent settlers here, but many of them were born only a few miles off, and their contention that the citrus varieties do best in this part of the county of Cumberland is amply borne out by the results of the planting at Galston. The most notable example of this is given by the orchard of Mr. Kent, nearly two miles from the Galston Post-office. This plantation is a picture. Mr. Kent's oranges and lemons, even so late in the year as this, present an attractive spectacle that testifies to the suitability of the soil. His garden is a model of care, his trees are clean, and his crops are heavy. The latest ideas in cultivation have perhaps not been adopted by the proprietor, but he has proved the value of the methods followed to secure the best results. Constant cultivation, systematic tilling, with vigilant watching of the trees, are the lines on which this pretty property is conducted. Another substantial grower near Galston is Mr. Philpotts. He has brought the fruits of a good many years' experience to bear in making his orchard one of the features of the district, and the fact that some of his oranges have brought as high as 10s a case, even during the present year, is an indication of their quality. Of course, most of the principal orchardists near Galston grow every variety of fruits, but nothing pays them so well as the lemon or the orange.

Beyond Galston the fruit growing extends but a few miles, then the character of the country seems to change. The slope of the hills is altered, and for some miles the surroundings have a desert-like appearance. Whether the acres upon acres of unoccupied land will ever be turned to profitable use, it would be difficult to predict; but the rocks and scrub, the predominant features at present, undoubtedly exhibit a forbidding spectacle from a utilitarian standpoint.

NORTH DURAL.

No other portion of the colony has proved richer or better adapted for fruit culture than North Dural. Some miles from the centre that gives a name to the district is a settlement which has perhaps no superior as an orange and a lemon producing area. Not a week passes without some tons of produce from this portion of Central Cumberland being sent 15 or 19 miles to the nearest railway. The settlers labour under disadvantages, yet in spite of all drawbacks most of the people in the district are in comfortable circumstances. The soil and climate are the same as found at Dural, the same fruits grow to perfection, and the conditions of life are similar. Scores of people are settled within a radius of a few miles, and most of them who have more than seven or eight acres of land in full bearing are willing to admit that even with fruit abnormally low, they can get a comfortable living. Here fruit diseases have not been the cause of much trouble. Some few fruit pests have made their appearance, but most of the settlers have learnt from experience that early action saves a lot of trouble. Hence spraying, brushing, and trenching are regarded as ordinary precautions, and there is enough unselfishness amongst most of the growers to induce them for their neighbours' as well as their own sakes to take every step to eradicate pests and prevent the spread of weeds. All the people in this district concede that the possibilities of cultivation are as yet hardly touched, but as every year witnesses an addition to the area of land laid down for fruit, it appears that the public are beginning to realise that city life for young people does not hold out the prospects that a home in so fruitful a portion of the colony promises.

Nearly 70 per cent. of the ocean traffic between Europe and America is confined to a belt of the Atlantic of an average width of 600 miles. In this zone risks of collision occur not only with ships steering a course, but with hulks that have been abandoned, and are drifting aimlessly. The region between Bermuda and Newfoundland abounds most in derelict vessels, which are a constant menace to life and property. The United States Commissioner of Navigation urges that an international agreement should be come to by which the warships of the maritime Powers should be employed to destroy these dangers, and should proceed to that duty whenever a merchant vessel reported having sighted one. It is quite possible that some mysterious disappearance of ships are to be accounted for by collision with a drifting hulk in this wreck-strewn area. There are perils enough in the Atlantic from ice, fog, and hurricane, outside human possibility to conjure, so it is well to remove one that is within our power to do. Something was said a little time ago about cruisers being held in readiness constantly to look out for overdue ships. The navy has, happily, other uses than warfare, and its application to purposes of security and assistance at sea is one of the things of the future.—London *Echo*.

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SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 26.

Corinna (s.), 1279 tons, Captain W. A. Pearce, from Launceston, via Eden, 24th December. Passengers—8 in the steerage.

Newcastle (s.), 1251 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Newcastle, Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Bonnington (s.), 1119 tons, Captain George, from Queenshead port, Wright, Hedderwick and Co., Limited, agents.

Buccleuch (s.), 1818 tons, Captain J. M. Hay, from Calcutta 17th November, Singapore 20th, Adelaide and Melbourne, Creighton Brothers, agents.

Port Pirie (s.), 3169 tons, Captain D. B. Jamieson, from London 26th October, via Dartmouth 27th, Cape Town, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Tanais (s.), 1734 tons, Captain Cassoni, from Noumea 22nd December. Passengers—For Sydney: Messrs. Herron, St. George, Tisdale, Thompson, and 4 in third-class. For Marseilles: Mr. de Rennetville, Mr. and Mrs. Maugeret and family, Tonge, Verrin, Mr. and Mrs. Possum and family, Mr. Berthier, Mr. Senk, Mr. and Mrs. Thery and 2 children, and 68 in the steerage. Eugene Blanc, agent.

Allowrie (s.), 504 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Moruya, via ports, 25th December. Passengers—Mrs. Davidson, Messrs. Balcombe, M'Bain, Mondie, Ellis, Cantwell, Cottier, and 5 in the second cabin. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Fiado (s.), 968 tons, Captain T. Baurel, from Noumea 21st December. Passenger—Mr. Chenfel. A. Jouve and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 26.

Victoria, R.M.S., for London, via ports.

Konoowarra (s.), for Newcastle.

Burrumbeet (s.), for Newcastle.

Waadala, ship, for San Francisco.

Allowrie (s.), for South Coast ports.

CLEARANCES.—DECEMBER 26.

R.M.S. Victoria (s.), 2368 tons, Captain A. W. Adamson, for London, via ports, and Melbourne. Passengers as published on Saturday.

Burrumbeet (s.), 2420 tons, Captain P. W. Bull, for Newcastle.

Konoowarra (s.), 1273 tons, Captain Gerfitt Smith, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 26.

[A special charge is made for consignees' announcements in this column.]

Allowrie (s.), from Moruya, via ports: 80 cheese, 67 bags bark, 29 kegs butter, 17 bales wool, 9 bags bones, 15 bags oysters, 20 bags quartz, 104 stafis, 35 head of cattle, and sundries.

Corinna (s.), from Launceston, via Eden: 200 bags pyrites, 66 bags bark, 5 packages sundries.

Fiado (s.), from Noumea: 3468 bags nickel ore, 108 bags biche-de-mer, 5 bags fungus, 20 bags maize, 1 sack beans.

Captain G. Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Moruya on the 25th instant at 9.30 a.m., calling at Bateman's Bay and Ulladulla, entered Sydney Heads on the 26th at 1.45 a.m., and arrived at company's wharf at 2.15 a.m. Experienced moderate head winds and a showery weather throughout.

The French steamer Tanais, Captain Manuel Camoin, left Noumea on the 22nd December, at noon, with fine weather, and arrived in port yesterday morning, with mails, passengers, and cargo. She had 67 passengers on board, the majority of whom will be transhipped into the company's steamer Australien, leaving to-day for Europe. The French man-of-war Scorff, Thetis, Loyalty, and Tarance were at Noumea when the Tanais left.

The Fiado, Captain Baurel, yesterday arrived from Noumea, after a smart run down. She brings a cargo of nickel ore and sundries, and berthed at the Lime-street Wharf. Messrs. A. Jouve and Co. are agents.

The rumour in regard to the Orient Line removing its headquarters to Southampton still survives, says an English exchange. It is said that the local secretary of the Steamer and Firemen's Union has received a communication stating that a London line of steamers is coming to Southampton. A considerable number of men have been notified of the fact, and the official of the union has been requested to look after them on their arrival. As a matter of fact Southampton is already overrun with men, especially of the labouring class, vainly looking for work which does not exist.

Dredge 494, from Greenock 23rd September, bound to Timaru, is reported at Thursday Island, with crew sick.

The number of entries of overseas vessels into the Weser ports on Bremen account from the 1st January to the 31st October totalled up to 3469 (1,692,432 tons), against 3363 (1,655,984 tons) in the same period last year.

The Hamburg shipping trade still goes on increasing. From the 1st January to the 31st October 7236 overseas vessels arrived in that port, against 7206 in the same period last year. The tonnage was 5,010,931, against 4,748,313.

Captain W. A. Pearce reports that the steamer Corinna arrived alongside the Margaret-street Wharf at 7.15 p.m. on the 26th instant. She left Launceston at 11.55 a.m. on the 24th instant, cleared Tamar Heads at 3.10 p.m. the same date, was abreast of Kent's Group at 1.50 a.m., rounded Gabo Island at 5.15 p.m., and arrived at Eden at 5.50 p.m. on the 25th instant, left the latter port half an hour later, and was abreast of Montague Island at 2.45 a.m. on the 26th, and entered Port Jackson Heads at 6.40 p.m.

The Salamanca, which left San Pedro on the 11th October, had, besides her wheat cargo, nearly 15,000lb. of honey. The King (Norwegian) sailed for Hamburg with a large quantity of honey, 38,500 gallons of brandy, 10,500lb. of beeswax, 319,000ft. of lumber, 275,000lb. of tallow, and 14,300 gallons of wine. The Craig Eivan, 1346 tons, cleared with 2330 tons wheat.

The Anglo-Australasian line steamer Port Pirie, from London, via ports, entered the Heads early yesterday morning, and brought up in Neutral Bay. A report of the voyage and list of cargo appeared in yesterday's *Herald*.

The Lady St. Aubyn, with 65 recruits on board, was spoken in the New Hebrides Group lately.

The cargo of the s.s. Gaelic, which arrived at San Francisco, contained 10,000 sacks of coal from Toquim, China, in the form of bricks—dust and small coal hydraulically compressed, and termed briquettes. They are said to be economical for steam purposes. Japanese coal has been imported recently with satisfactory results; there was one cargo in port, and one on the way when the late mail left California. It is reported to be good gas coal, and the Japs are pushing the sale of it at all the ports that Newcastle (N.S.W.) coal is sent to.

The Rockton hence arrived at Noumea on 16th December, and was sent to quarantine.

The François Arago left Noumea 4th December for Havre direct.

The verdict at the inquiry into the circumstances of the death of George Hansen on board the Ellan Donan, at Noumea, was accidental death.

The Clansman left Noumea early this month for the Chesterfield Group to load for Auckland.

When the last English mail left the Spirit of the Dawn, from Rangoon 17th June, for Takshuang, had been offered at 20 guineas. She is an iron barque of 492 tons, built at Sunderland in 1869 by Messrs. T. R. Oswald and Co., and owned at Liverpool by Messrs. J. Bell and Son. Since then her crew have been rescued from Antipodes Islands, where the spirit of the Dawn went to pieces in a fog.

THE RACE across THE ATLANTIC.

The latest performance of the Cunuania is wonderful. Time after time the Cunarder has broken the Atlantic record, and her latest run shows it to be practicable to do it in five and a half days. The exact time occupied was five days 12 hours and 7 minutes, which eclipses all records both on the westward and eastward routes. She has done the round voyage in 11 days 1 hour and 30 minutes. The passage from New York was begun on Saturday morning, 9th October, Sandy Hook being passed at 9.10 a.m. By noon the next day she had steamed 578 miles; by noon on the 29th, 490; 31st, 471; 1st November, 501; 2nd, 485. She arrived at Queenstown at 1.32 a.m. on the 3rd, having run 2776 miles that day. This is a total of 2832 miles, equal to 21·28 knots per hour. The best previous record was that of the Lucania, which took 1 hour and 25 minutes longer. The question has lately been raised as to whether this extraordinary steaming is judicious or profitable, and there are not wanting those who condemn it from a commercial point of view. Perhaps this question may be safely left to the company concerned, but certain it is that such voyages must reduce the number of profit that falls to the shipowner, which is already narrow enough. The experiment has not been tried long, and its soundness on a large scale has yet to be proved.

SHIPPING SALES.

The following are advised by mail:—

The Guion Company have sold their steamer Nevada for £4000. She was built in 1868 at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3616 tons gross and 2355 tons net. Dimensions: 345ft. 6in. by 43ft. 5in. by 35ft. 10in. Carries about 2200 tons cargo, and has accommodation for over 900 passengers. She has compound engines of 400-h.p. nom., and steams 12½ knots on 85 tons per day.

The iron ship Mizzapore, which was purchased by Messrs. R. N. Smith and Co., Liverpool, for £1900, has been resold at about £2100. She is 1186 tons register, and carries 1760 tons deadweight. Built at West Hartlepool in 1863, and classed "A1 at Lloyd's.

It is reported that the steamer St. Paul, owned by the Alaska Commercial Company, has been sold to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for 100,000dol., cash to replace the steamer Newbern, recently lost. The St. Paul was offered to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company about six months ago for 75,000dol., but they refused the offer.

The iron barque Pampero and the composite barque Kapua, owned by the Swansea Merchants' Shipowners' Company, are reported sold. The Pampero was built at Liverpool in 1864, carries 930 tons copper ore; dimensions, 171ft. 6in. by 27ft. 7in. by 17ft. 7in. The Kapua was built at Glasgow in 1865, carries 800 tons copper ore, and her dimensions are—165ft. 3in. by 27ft. 2in. by 16ft. 4in.

The s.s. African, built in 1868, and till lately owned by the Union Company, has been purchased by a Liverpool firm at less than £10,000. She is fitted with triple engines, electric light, &c., and registered 1,372·96d tons. Dimensions, 344ft. by 33ft. by 23ft.; carries 1000 tons cargo, steams 11 knots, and has good passenger accommodation.

The barquentine Parsee, 375 tons register, lying at Liverpool, has been sold to Norwegians at £4 per ton. She was built at Newport, N.S., in 1887. Carries 610 tons deadweight on a draught of 14ft., and requires no ballast. Length, 136ft. 7in.; breadth, 32ft.; depth, 12ft. 8in.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: December 25, Gabo (s.), Victorian (s.), from Sydney; Peregrine (s.), South Australian (s.), from Townsville. The Changsha (s.), Menmuir (s.), from Hongkong, left Townsville, south. The Red Gauntlet arrived at Cooktown. The Kurara (s.) arrived at Flatton on the 26th December, from Normanton. The Wodonga (s.) left Flatton, south. The Cintra (s.) and Jumna R.M.S. arrived at Townsville from Brisbane. The Mount Kembla (s.) left Repulse Bay, south. The Dorunda R.M.S., from London, is due at Cooktown.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 25, Tainan (s.), from Melbourne; Newcastle (s.), from Sydney. December 26, King Arthur, ship, from Samarang; Gulf of Venice (s.), from Brisbane; Namoi (s.), Burrumbeet (s.), Konoowarra (s.), from Sydney. Departures: December 25, Karuna, schooner, for Townsville, with 215 tons coal; Eliza Allen, schooner, for Townsville, with 160 tons coal; Favorite, ketch, for Cape Hawke; Newcastle (s.), for Sydney. December 26, Namoi (s.), for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 26, Nemesis (s.), north, at 12.10 p.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arrived: December 25, Pendle Hill, schooner, from Greymouth; M. A. Doran, schooner, from Kaipara. December 26, Albatross, schooner, from Macdonald Bay; Pateena (s.), from Launceston. Departures: December 25, Bullara (s.), for Newcastle. December 26, Innamincka (s.), for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: December 25, R.M.S. Orient, from Sydney; Barrabool (s.), from Melbourne; Glaucus (s.), from Newcastle. December 26, Karawera (s.), from Newcastle; Orotava, R.M.S., from London. Departures: December 25, Annie Ramon, barque, William Fairbairn, barque, for the United Kingdom; Orotava, R.M.S., for Melbourne; Carl, barque, for a loading port; Bustayong (s.), for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: December 24, Sea Flower, schooner, at 10 a.m., for Sydney. December 26, Byron (s.) at noon, for Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS.—Departure: December 26, Maclean (s.) at 2.40 p.m. Cuadong, schooner, anchored off the bar at 2.40 p.m.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: December 26, a steamer like Augusta at 7.30 a.m., north.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: December 26, Greyhound (s.) at 4.50 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Passed: December 26, a steamer like Karuah at 5.35 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: December 26, a ketch like Coraki at 6.30 p.m., north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 26, Namoi (s.), Burrumbeet (s.), Konoowarra (s.), from Sydney; Namoi (s.), from Port Stephens; King Arthur, ship, from Scarabaya; Gulf of Venice (s.), from Brisbane. Departure: December 26, Namoi (s.), for Port Stephens.

BARRANGAROO.—Departures: December 26, Newcastle (s.), Maitland (s.) at 4 p.m., Kingsley (s.) at 4.45 p.m., a steam yacht at 5.15 p.m.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: December 26, Lindus (s.) at 9.25 a.m.; Colac (s.) at 11.50 a.m., north; R.M.S. Victoria at 4.25 p.m., south.

KIAMA.—Arrival: December 26, Kamaruka (s.) at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: December 26, a steamer painted green with yellow funnel, two black bands and black top, flying MEVE, at 10.30 a.m.; Nemesis (s.) at 2.20 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed Inward: December 26, Remore Head (s.), 22 hrs. 10 mins.; Pasacia (s.) at 5.10 p.m., from Launceston; the barque City of Agra at 6 p.m., from Port Natal, outside the lands. Passed Outward: December 26, Innamincka (s.) at 4.50 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, Cape St. George, 29·80; Sydney, 29·95; Newcastle, 29·94; Port Macquarie, 29·95; Clarence Heads, 29·95.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., TUESDAY.—By Mr. H. C. Russell, Government Astronomer.

New South Wales.—Cloudy on parts of the coast and highlands; elsewhere fine and clear generally.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M., TUESDAY.

New South Wales.—Light and scattered in the west, moderate along the western slopes, and from there to the coast light; heavy at places between the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers; many thunderstorms, from which the falls chiefly resulted. Albury reports 1·02; Armidale, 0·20; Bathurst, 0·05; Bombala, 0·74; Bourke, 0·03; Bowral, 0·24; Cape St. George, 0·31; Carcoar, 0·06; Cooma, 0·39; Coonabarabran, 0·02; Coonamble, 0·02; Cootamundra, 0·20; Dubbo, 0·05; Eden, 0·51; Goulburn, 0·45; Gulgong, 0·20; Gunnedah, 1·22; Hill End, 0·21; Katoomba, 0·07; Kiandra, 0·01; Maitland, 0·20; Moruya, 0·12; Moss Vale, 0·32; Mount Victoria, 0·17; Murrumburrah, 0·34; Muswellbrook, 0·09; Newcastle, 0·16; Orange, 0.14; Picton, 0·01; Port Macquarie, 0·05; Port Stephens, 0·05; Queanbeyan, 0·44; Quirindi, 0·05; Singleton, 0·20; Sydney, 0·13; Tamworth, 0·09; Taralga, 0·25; Taree, 0·14; Uralla, 0·08; Wagga, 0·15; Warris Creek, 0·07.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M., TUESDAY.

Albury, 2ft.; Balranald, 11ft.; Bingara, 1ft. 7in., falling; Bourke, 4ft. 4in., falling; Brewarrina, 8ft. 8in., falling; Euabalong, 2ft. 8in., falling; Euston, 21ft. 7in.; Forbes, 2ft. 3in.; Goodooga, river low; Gunnedah, 3ft. 8in.; Hay, 3ft.; Hillstone, 8ft. 2in., falling; Louth, 7ft.; Wentworth, 19ft. 7in.; Menindee, 19ft. 2in., falling; Morundah, 2ft. 4in., falling; Pooncarie, 23ft. 4in., falling; Tilpa, 8ft., falling; Tocumwal, 4ft. 2in.; Wagga Wagga, 3ft.; Wentworth, 15ft. 11in.; Wilcannia, 11ft. 10in., falling; Yetman, river low; Darwin at Walgett, 8ft., stationary; Namoi at Walgett, 8ft. 3in., stationary.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M., TUESDAY.

Tweed Heads, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, line interrupted; Ballina, S., light, showery, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.E.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Newcastle, S., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., strong, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, S.W., strong, squally, cloudy, sea rough.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 27.

Sun rises at 4.50, sets at 7.12; Moon, 10.54 p.m., 4.46 a.m.; Mercury, 3.28 a.m., 5.50 p.m.; Venus, 3.28 a.m., 9.55 p.m.; Mars, 3.17 a.m., 4.8 p.m.; Jupiter, 3.41 p.m., 2.10 a.m.; Saturn, 12.45 p.m., 1.37 p.m.

New moon, 8th; full moon, 22nd.

High water at Fort Denison, 11.20 a.m., 11.41 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

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ADELAIDE, 4 p.m.
HOBART AND LAUNCESTON, 4 p.m.
QUEENSLAND, 4.45 p.m.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Monday, via Adelaide), —.
MACLEAY RIVER, 11 a.m.
RICHMOND RIVER, 11 a.m.
MERIMBULA AND EDEN, 11 a.m.
PORT MACQUARIE AND NAMBUCCA RIVER, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY.

NOUMEA AND FIJI, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY.

CLYDE RIVER, 8 a.m.
WELLINGTON AND SOUTHERN PORTS OF N. Z., 3 p.m.
UNITED KINGDOM, MAURITIUS, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, AND CONTINENT OF EUROPE, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY.

MERIMBULA AND EDEN, 11 a.m.
CLARENCE RIVER, 8 p.m.

MONDAY.

UNITED KINGDOM, INDIA, AND CONTINENT OF EUROPE (viâ Island to Adelaide, and thence per P. and O. Company's steamer Victoria), 10 a.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1893.

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THE victims of the accident were enjoying the holiday in a hired boat, and getting too near the mouth of the river, were carried seaward, the boat being overturned by the surf. Some hundreds of people witnessed the distressing event.

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A SUBSIDENCE has taken place in the Proprietary mine at Broken Hill, a cavity about 30ft. across at the surface having made its appearance. The ground has fallen about 15ft.

AN inquest was held at Adelaide yesterday upon the victims of the tragedy committed on the previous day by Harry Oxley, who murdered his wife and children and committed suicide. The jury found that Oxley committed the murders and took his own life during a fit of insanity.

AT the Central Police Court yesterday Mr. James Giles, S.M., disposed of 147 cases within the space of 40 minutes. The majority of the charges were of drunkenness.

THE death of Mr. Henry Pettitt, the well-known dramatist, is announced.

THE Wallarah miners residing on the company's estate have received notice to give up their tenancies unless they accept the reduced rates.

FULLY 20,000 persons attended the second day of the Australian Jockey Club Spring Meeting at Randwick yesterday, when Jeweller won the Summer Cup, with Stanmore second, and Confidence third. The other events resulted as follows:—Christmas Handicap, All Serts; Nursery Handicap, Laura; Steeplechase, Cardigan II.; Two-years-old Plate, Moorooogie; Welter Handicap, Ophir.

ABOUT 3000 persons attended the annual picnic of the Rechabites held at Pearl Bay yesterday.

A DEMONSTRATION, in the form of an excursion to Mrs. Darval's grounds, Ryde, by the subordinate lodges of the Loyal Orange Institution, the Black Association, and the Protestant Benefit and kindred societies, took place yesterday. About 3000 people gathered on the grounds.

WHILE returning to Melbourne by train from Brighton yesterday a lad named George Sallery put his head out of the carriage window and was struck dead by an open door of a passing train.

NEARLY 4000 persons attended the Zoological Gardens yesterday.

THE R.M.S. Orotava arrived at Adelaide from London yesterday.

TO-DAY the first united meal of the second batch of settlers for New Australia will be taken on board the Royal Tar at Port Adelaide. All those intending to proceed in the vessel will have to embark to-day.

THE disabled steamer Glaucus, which broke her shaft near the Althorpe Islands on Saturday, was towed into Port Adelaide yesterday.

THE second of the series of articles by our special reporter, entitled "Through the Garden of Australia," appears elsewhere. In it he deals with fruitgrowing at Dural, Galston, and North Dural.

HIBBORN has won the Viceroy's Cup at the Winter Meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club.

The articles of our special reporter on "The Garden of Australia" serve to bring before the reader the nature of the fruit-growing operations which are rapidly converting a large part of Central Cumberland into a vast orchard and orangery. Amongst the other charms of this delightful occupation is its effect in adding beauty and diversity to the natural landscape. Under its influence the mingled forest of eucalyptus, turpentine, wattle, and many other indigenous trees which clothed the undulating hills and vales which extend in several directions from the town of Parramatta has been made in many places to give place to moderate-sized fruit gardens variously devoted to the permanent green of the orange and the changeful colouring, from the variegated tints of blossom to the green of leafage, and then again to the manifold fading hues of autumn, displayed by the trees which give us our supplies of summer fruits. As a result of this industry, land, which at one time was regarded as valueless, and upon which,

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE MATABELE WAR.

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THE UGANDA QUESTION.

RENEWED CONFLICTS.

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THE FRENCH NAVY.

AGITATION FOR AN INQUIRY.

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CITY CORPORATION OF CHICAGO.

A DEFICIT IN THE TREASURY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The City Corporation of Chicago is unable to pay its employees, owing to a deficit in the City Treasury of 700,000dol. (approximately £145,000).

CALCUTTA TURF CLUB.

HIGHBORN WINS THE VICEROY'S CUP.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.

At the Winter Meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club to-day the race for the principal event resulted as under:—

THE VICEROY'S CUP, a cup valued £100, presented by his Excellency the Viceroy, with 8000 *rupees from the fund, and a starting sweep of* 150 rupees; second horse to receive 1200 rupees, and the third horse 800 rupees from the prize; 1½ mile.

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N.Z. LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Mr. C. J. Stewart, the official receiver for the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, has issued a statement regarding the affairs of the company. He estimates that the gross liabilities amount to £5,440,000, of which £2,250,000 is expected to rank. The total assets are set down at £4,493,000, and are subject to claims by debenture-holders for £1,370,000. Mr. Stewart estimates that there is a surplus of £863,000.

Mr. Stewart asserts that the issue and conversion of debentures and debenture stock may be deemed desirable after further inquiry. The question of applying for a public examination is being considered.

The scheme of reconstruction agreed to by the creditors' committee is withheld, pending the settlement of an unforeseen difficulty.

THE ANARCHISTS.

THE BARCELONA CONSPIRACY.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

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MURDER IN BOHEMIA.

AN ACT OF REVENGE BY A SECRET SOCIETY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

A man named Rudolf Mrva has been murdered at Prague, in Bohemia. It is alleged that Mrva was an agent provocateur, and that through his instrumentality 80 members of a secret society were recently arrested.

The affair has caused much excitement in Prague.

DEATH OF A DRAMATIST.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry Pettitt, the well-known dramatist.

The late Mr. Henry Pettitt made a brief appearance on the stage at Sadlers Wells Theatre, at the age of 15. A play which he had written, together with Mr. Paul Merritt, turning out a great success at Mr. George Conquest's theatre, the Grecian, determined Mr. Pettitt in taking up dramatic writing as a regular profession. He was an original and most prolific writer, and had taken part in the construction of most of the new dramas that have been produced in London for the past eight years. His leading works are "Queen's Evidence," "Black Flag," "The World" (in collaboration with Messrs. Merritt and Harris), "Taken from Life," "Puck" (Pettitt and Harris), "In the Ranks" (Pettitt and G. R. Simes), "Human Nature" (Pettitt and Harris), "Harbour Lights" (Pettitt and Simes), "Bells of Haslemere" (Pettitt and Grundy), "Hands Across the Sea," "Faust up to Date" (Pettitt and Sims), "The Silver Falls," and "London Day by Day" (Pettitt and Sims).

CAPSIZE OF A YACHT.

ONE MAN DROWNED.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAYMOND TERRACE, TUESDAY.

A boat fatality occurred on the Hunter about half-past 11 to-day. Peter Cridland, aged 19, a blacksmith's helper, was drowned. He was out sailing in a 2-ton yacht with W. Hart, aged 71, and A. T. Foley, 14. None of them knew much about sailing, and a sudden squall struck the boat and capsized it. Hart managed to bring Foley to the shore, but Cridland after a little while sank. The body has not yet been recovered.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

Go to the Crown Studios, George and Market streets, 6 Enamel Cabinet Portraits, 5s.—[ADVT.]

THE TRAGEDY IN ADELAIDE.

INQUEST ON THE VICTIMS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

The full particulars of the shocking tragedy committed by Harry Oxley, in Sturt-street, on Christmas morning, were first made public in the evening papers, which came out early this forenoon, and the painful sensation which existed yesterday in the city was intensely deepened thereby. The inquest was opened at 11 o'clock this morning touching the deaths of Oxley, his wife, and son, whose bodies the jury saw—the bodies of the other two victims being at the hospital. The evidence showed that Oxley was fairly well-to-do, but was unfortunate in having £1300 locked up in one of the suspended banks. He came to town a fortnight ago and purchased a greengrocery business from F. B. White, paying £110 for a trolly, two horses, fittings, the goodwill, and White's services for a fortnight in introducing him to the customers. Oxley began business on the 16th, and soon appeared dissatisfied with it. He directed his agent to pay White for it, and signed a document on Saturday last, a week before he needed to have done so, declaring that White had fulfilled all the conditions of sale. On Saturday night he appeared very jovial, and said that the business he had done during the day thoroughly satisfied him. On Christmas Eve he lent one of his horses to some carol singers, who returned it about 5 o'clock on Christmas morning, at which hour Oxley left his house, and had a chat with one of the party, referring mostly to business. He must have committed the murders almost immediately on reentering the house. The neighbours heard no sound. About 7.30 yesterday morning William Stanley went to the stables at the rear of Oxley's house to attend to the horse. He went through the backdoor into the house to get the key for the storeroom from Oxley, and as no one was stirring he said, "Aren't you going to get up to-day?" Receiving no reply he entered the house and saw the results of the fearful tragedy. The medical evidence showed that the deadly wounds were inflicted while the victims were asleep. Mrs. Lilias Day narrated a conversation she had with Oxley and his wife on Friday. He complained of the heat, and said, "Mrs. Day, this day a year ago I was the happiest man in the world." Mrs. Elizabeth Waley, who had known the Oxleys a long time, said she never met a happier family. He was the best father she ever knew, and idolised his children. Mrs. Oxley told her on Sunday that her husband was ill. According to Mrs. Oxley, her husband said there was a great weight on him which he could not carry and which he could not shake off. He had a tight feeling about the waist, and witness thought he had had a sunstroke. He kept on saying he had been deceived and disappointed. Mrs. Oxley said, "Well, Harry, why didn't you have a doctor? I will see you have one to-morrow." Among Oxley's effects was a letter signed by the Rev. A. Wheeler, Anglican clergyman at Narracoorte, stating that Mr. and Mrs. Oxley had been most active and zealous in church matters there, and expressing the hope that they would similarly labour in the future.

The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict that Harry Oxley had committed the murders and that he also took his own life during a fit of insanity.

VICTORIA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KILLED BY A PASSING TRAIN.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

A shocking fatality occurred this evening on the Brighton railway line. A lad named George Sallery, 12 years of age, was returning with his father, mother, and sisters from a day's outing at Brighton, and when the train was opposite the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the lad leaned out of the window to watch a fireworks display which was being given. Another train passed in an opposite direction, and a carriage-door which had swung open struck the lad on the head, fracturing his skull. He fell back dead into the arms of his horrified parents.

THE PANTOMIMES.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

Both the Princess's Theatre and the Theatre Royal were crowded this evening for the opening of the pantomime season. At the former theatre "Little Red Ridinghood" was produced with an unusual spectacular display. Miss Violet Varley was in the title rôle. At the Royal "Sinbad the Sailor" drew a full house, among the performers being Mr. Leumane and Miss Maggie Moore.

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

Christian Tennyson, an able seaman of the ship Hesperides, was drowned this morning through missing his foothold and falling into the Yarra when going aboard his ship. He was 35 years of age.

QUEENSLAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.—INTENSE HEAT.

BRISBANE, TUESDAY.

The Christmas holidays have been favoured with fine but hot weather. To-day especially the heat was abnormal. The official record was 106·3 in the shade, which is stated to be the highest ever known for this part of the colony. A strong hot wind was blowing all day. Christmas Day was passed in the usual quiet manner. To-day there were no public amusements of any importance, but all the usual holiday resorts, especially at the seaside, were thronged with visitors, and the steamboat excursions were very largely patronised.

SAWMILLS BURNED DOWN.

BRISBANE, TUESDAY.

The Dundatyn Sawmills, near Maryborough, the property of Pettigrew and Co., were destroyed by fire last night. The damage amounted to about £4000, none of which is covered by insurance.

THE DORA DORA FUGITIVE.

BRISBANE, TUESDAY.

It is reported from Bundaberg that Jacky, the second Dora Dora black, was seen in the vicinity of Moobboolaman station, near Mount Perry, a fortnight ago, and was lately seen in the neighbourhood of Tenningering station. Search parties under Constable Tipping are scouring the country for the outlaw, and they have good hope of effecting his arrest.

BRISBANE, TUESDAY.

A telegram from Mackay states the body of a Polynesian native of the Solomon Islands was found near the Pioneer Bridge on Sunday morning. A brutal murder had evidently been committed, as the body was fearfully gashed, the head and arms especially so, with a tomahawk. A revolver and a sling were found close to where the body was lying. There is no clue to the murderer so far. It is believed that the murder was the result of a drunken brawl amongst the kanakas.

THURSDAY ISLAND, TUESDAY.

The barque Ganymede passed on Saturday en route for Rocky Island.

A barquentine anchored outside yesterday, presumed to be the Waratah for Rocky Islet.

The holidays have been very quiet so far. There are only a few boats in, but it is expected that the dirty weather which has now set in will drive in all the others.

The Victoria sails for Normanton this afternoon.

The Dorunda sailed for Brisbane yesterday.

LATER.

The vessel anchored at Blackrock turns out to be the dredge No. 404 on route for New Zealand. Ten of the crew are very ill with Java fever. Having hut three flags aboard they were unable to signal for assistance. Captain Robertson hoped the men would soon be better, but they got worse late on Friday. He sent a boat ashore here and reported his position. The Health Officer at once went aboard and examined the crew and quarantined the vessel.

TERRIBLE BOATING FATALITY.

SEVEN PERSONS DROWNED.

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KIAMA, TUESDAY.

Early this afternoon a shocking boating accident happened at the Minnamurra, by which seven persons lost their lives. This river was to-day as usual the chief resort of pleasure-seekers. According to particulars to hand, it appears that Captain Honey, of the Kiama Volunteers, with Mrs. Honey (formerly Miss Pike), his wife's sister, Mrs. George Wood, jun. (also a daughter of the late Mr. J. Pike), her husband (Mr. Wood), and three children—Elsie (aged 12 years), Henry (aged 11), and Eliza (aged 10); together with Miss Pike—embarked on a hired boat, and, getting too near the mouth of the river, were carried out seaward, where the small craft capsized in the surf, and unfortunately Captain Honey, his wife, Mr. Wood, his three children, and Miss Pike were drowned. Mrs. Wood clung to the boat and was rescued. The accident was witnessed by some hundreds of people, and Mr. Seymour (banker, from Berry), Mr. Graham (of this town), and two or three other young men plunged into the water and tried to rescue the party, but the assistance came too late. Mr. Wood was alive when the rescuers reached him, but they were unable to bring him ashore. When the news reached Kiama two or three boats were despatched, but all the assistance they could render was to search for the bodies, four of which have been recovered, namely, Mr. Wood, two of his children, and Miss Pike.

Captain Honey, who was 46 years old, was a useful member of the community. He was a magistrate and coroner for the district, and one of the vice-presidents of the Kiama Agricultural Association, besides being captain of the volunteers. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Wood, who by this terrible calamity has been bereaved of her husband, her three children, and two sisters. The coast is being watched for the bodies of Captain Honey, his wife, and one of Mr. Wood's children, which are expected to come ashore to-night. Mr. Alexander, police magistrate of Wollongong, comes here to-morrow morning for the purpose of holding an inquiry into the terrible fatality, which exceeds anything of the kind ever known in the district. The boat in this case was a small flat-bottomed one.

DERRY, TUESDAY.

The news of the fatal boating accident at Kiama has cast a gloom over the town, the victims being well known. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved.

Captain Thomas Honey was first appointed to a position in the military forces on the 31st December, 1883, when he was gazetted first lieutenant of the Kiama company of the 2nd Regiment, and on the 9th March, 1885, he was promoted to the rank of captain with the command of his company. Captain Honey had a wide range of military knowledge—so wide, indeed, that at some recent manœuvres he was singled out by the general to take up a position of leadership which his rank as captain alone certainly did not entitle him to. He was a most efficient officer, and further promotion was contemplated. In rifle shooting he took a great interest, and in everything that pertained to the welfare of his company he was keenly alive. His superior officers had formed a very high opinion of his abilities, and with his *confrères* he was a universal favourite.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE STRANDED STEAMER TENTERDEN.

ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

Latest telegrams received by the president of the Marine Board give very little hope of the floating of the stranded steamer Tenterden, at Macdonnell Bay. A tug with a party of surveyors on board arrived at the scene of the disaster on Christmas morning. The chief mate and the engineer went off to the steamer, which was still in the same position. The sea was smooth at the time, but a low barometer and a threatening misty morning gave warning of rough weather come.

The tug Albatross, from Melbourne, arrived at Port Macdonnell yesterday morning, with tackling and gear for towing off the Tenterden, but it was found that the water in the vessel was level with the sea outside, and nothing could be done until she is pumped out. Captain W. Weymark, salvage officer, who was acting for the underwriters and came with the tug, inspected the vessel and reported by telegraph to the owners her position, and an estimate of the cost of getting her off and repairing, leaving it with them to decide. At 1 o'clock the tug left on her return to Melbourne. Captain Weymark says powerful pumps and an engine are required to take the water out of the steamer, and as the tug cannot approach where the Tenterden is the pump and engine would have to be lighered to her. He thinks it quite possible to get her off if the weather continues fine, but a heavy south-westerly gale would make her a total wreck in a short time. If the tug had brought pumps yesterday he could have got her off in a few hours. Seafaring men of Port Macdonnell do not think she can ever be got off. Captain Weymark thinks it would cost nearly £4000 to get her off, and from £3000 to £4000 to repair her. That makes it a serious question whether it is worth the risk. The Tenterden swung round a bit on Sunday night as if on a pivot, but now appears immovable. She has a decided list to the port side, and is down by the bows forward, and her inside compartments are full of water. The weather was fine to-day, and there was no alteration in the steamer. Captain A. M'Eachern, her commander, is second cousin to a member of the firm of M'Ilwraith, M'Eachern, and Co., who had the vessel under charter. He has been in command of her three months.

THE ROYAL TAR—PREPARATIONS FOR THE VOYAGE.

ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

Good progress is being made with the work of fitting the Royal Tar for sea. The vessel is now almost ready for the voyage. Extra boats have been procured. There was a general muster of the passengers to-night, and to-morrow morning the first united meal will be taken on board. All those intending to proceed in the vessel are required to embark not later than 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

The R.M.S. Orotava arrived from London to-day, bringing among her passengers Mr. W. E. Knox, managing director of the Mount Lyell mine, Tasmania. Although unable to bring back with him the capital required for the company, he is sanguine of being able to obtain it about February next year. Mr. Knox proceeded overland to Melbourne by the express. Christmas was celebrated on board the steamer with due ceremony. The passengers were much gratified with the provision made for their enjoyment.

The disabled steamer Glaucus arrived at Port Adelaide, in tow of the tug Yatala, early this morning, from the Althorpes, where her crank shaft broke on Saturday. The bed plate of the engine was also fractured. It is expected that the repairs will necessitate the vessel's detention in port for two or three weeks.

GROUNDING OF A FRENCH STEAMER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THURSDAY ISLAND, TUESDAY.

The French mail steamer Godavery, en route from Signapore to Batavia, grounded in the Straits of Rhio, where she remained four days, until towed off by H.M.S. Pallas. She sustained no apparent damage.

THE CITY OF PEKING IN A HURRICANE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THURSDAY ISLAND, TUESDAY.

The steamer City of Peking, from San Francisco to Japan, experienced a severe hurricane. One immense wave carried away five lifeboats, the engine-room skylight, the social hall, and the captain's room, and did other minor damage. The captain and several passengers were hurt, but none dangerously so.

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

VICTORIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

The intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was resumed to-day in the presence of about 8000 spectators. Owing to the heavy rain which fell on Christmas morning and continued at intervals during the day the wicket was all in favour of the bowlers, and the outfield was so sticky that the ball would hardly travel at all after bounding. Under these circumstances it was not expected that a large score would be obtained, and when the Victorians went to the wickets at noon there were general misgivings. Harry and Stuckey, the not-out men on Saturday, went first to the wickets, and Newell bowled from the pavilion end, while Turner did the same from the Richmond end. Both batsmen opened with extreme caution, but after an over or two Harry touched one from Newall, and Moore, who was behind the wickets, held it. The retiring batsman had made five out of 15 scored. Trott stepped into the vacant place, but gave a difficult chance in the slips, which Turner running forward took very cleverly, and the South Melbourne batsman retired without scoring. Stuckey, who was playing carefully but missing few of the loose ones, was partnered by Worrall, who commenced to steal runs, being very fast between the wickets. Turner's bowling was most difficult, and he got a lot of work on the ball. Whenever he sent one down to leg Stuckey went for it, and generally got it away for a couple. Newell, who was bowling very well, appealed for leg before against Stuckey, but the appeal was disallowed. Newell relinquished the ball to Callaway, and soon after Stuckey tried to drive Turner to the on, but drove it straight back instead, and the bowler held it. Stuckey had made 29 out of 45 scored. Graham came next, and received an ovation for his success in the recent English tour, but he was run out after scoring 6. Bruce, the next batsman, had a narrow escape of being run out, Moses missing with a throw at his wicket. At lunch time Bruce and Worrall were still batting. After the adjournment the wickets fell rapidly. Worrall was caught by Iredale at third man off Newell, and Turner clean bowled Trumble when that batsman had made 5. Bruce, who had played a steady, consistent innings, was caught by Iredale in the long field off Turner; and Laver was clean bowled by Newell. M'Leod succumbed to Pierce in the slips without scoring. Carlton and Blackham kept their wickets up for a time, and Carlton made several good strokes before getting his leg in front of one from Turner. The appeal of the bowler was an answer in the affirmative, and Blackham carried out his bat for 11.

At 26 minutes to 4 New South Wales commenced their second innings with Bannerman and M'Kenzie, who opposed the bowling of Trott and Trumble. Bannerman's life was short, for he tipped one from Trumble and was snapped up behind the wickets by Blackham. Garrett took the vacant crease, but was caught by Trott at point. Moses joined M'Kenzie, who earned the distinction of scoring the first fourer of the day with an off-drive, Carlton being the bowler. In attempting a similar stroke again he made a mistake, and the ball rising high was taken by Blackham. M'Kenzie had made 33 by free hitting for the most part. Murdoch received a round of applause when he partnered Moses, and the two men settled down to cautious play. The bowling was too good to take liberties with, and the scoring became very slow. Finally Moses hit one of Trumble's back to the bowler, who held it. Iredale joined Murdoch, who was beginning to hit out more freely, and once sent Trumble to square-leg for 4. Iredale also was in a hitting vein, and in spite of changes of bowling both batsmen gradually got set. All efforts to displace them were ineffectual, and when the stumps were drawn Iredale had made 22 and Murdoch 39, neither being out.

The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

Bannerman, c Laver, b Trumble ...	6
Turner, run out ...	0
Moses, c M'Leod, b Trott ...	71
Murdoch, run out ...	0
Iredale, c Blackham, b Carlton ...	27
Callaway, run out ...	0
Garrett, c Carlton, b Trott ...	19
M'Kenzie, b Trott ...	0
Moore, c and b Trott ...	16
Newell, not out ...	9
Pierce, c and b Trott ...	3
Sundries ...	4
Total ...	155

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

Stuckey, c and b Turner ...	29
Harry, c Moore, b Newell ...	5
Trott, c Turner, b Newell ...	0
Graham, run out ...	6
Worrall, c Iredale, b Newell ...	21
Bruce, c Iredale, b Turner ...	26
Trumble, b Turner ...	5
Laver, b Newell ...	1
M'Leod, c Pierce, b Turner ...	0
Carlton, lbw, b Turner ...	17
Blackham, not out ...	11
Sundries ...	5
Total ...	126

Bowling Analysis.—C. Turner, 179 balls, 58 runs, 9 maiden, 5 wickets; A. Newell, 154 balls, 46 runs, 1 maiden, 4 wickets; S. Callaway, 30 balls, 5 runs, 1 maiden.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

Bannerman, c Blackham, b Trumble ...	4
M'Kenzie, c Blackham, b Carlton ...	33
Garrett, c Trott, b Trumble ...	3
H. Moses, c and b Trumble ...	4
Iredale, not out ...	22
Murdoch, not out ...	39
Sundries ...	1
Total, four wickets for ...	106

V.A.T.C. BOXING DAY MEETING.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, TUESDAY.

The Boxing Day Meeting of the V.A.T.C. was held to-day at Caulfield. The weather was very fine, but in spite of that the attendance was very disappointing, owing to the counter attraction of the intercolonial cricket match. The following are the details:—

JUVENILE STAKES, 3 furlongs.—Mr. T. Hales's Ladylove (a, 10st 8lb (Bunton), 1; Mr. F. W. Fairey's Goldsmith, 6st 7lb (H. J. Thomson), 2; Mr. N. Wilson's Maroon, 7st 12lb (C. Power), 3. Other starters: Lady's Maid, Rivelsford, Presto, Revolta, The Harvester, Cateran, Gelasma, Carlina, Carlsbad. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Maroon, 5 to 1 v. Carlsbad, 6 to 1 v. Gelasma and Lady Love, 7 to 1 v. Rosetta and Goldsmith, 10 to 1 v. Harvester or any other. After a few breaks away Lady Love jumped off with the start, and led all the way. Inside the distance Maroon made a fast run, but failed to come up, while Goldsmith was two lengths behind the winner, and Maroon three lengths away third. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, 1½ mile.—Mr. R. Langford's Orphous, 9st 8lb (C. Lewis), 1; Mr. J. Paterson's Sundown, 9st 3lb (H. Hiscutt), 2; Mr. H. Connolly's Spiffen, 8st 12lb (J. Barbour), 3. Other starters: Wairua, Impostor, Nell Cook, Killaloe, Epping, Young Lapidist, Banian. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Young Lapidist, 4 to 1 v. Wairua and Sundowner, 6 to 1 v. Orphous, 7 to 1 v. Spiffen, 10 to 1 v. Nell Cook, Killaloe, Impostor, or any other. Wairua led over the first hurdle, followed by Nell Cook, Young Lapidist, and Spiffen. Spiffen then made the running, and led to the turn into the straight, where Orphous came to the front, and, jeading over the last hurdle in front of Spiffen, Sundowner, and Wairua, was never caught. Won by three lengths, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 3 minutes 1½ seconds.

HOPETOUN CUP, 1 mile and 3 furlongs.—Mr. A. S. Chirnside's Elswick, 7st 12lb (T. M'Swiney), 1; Mr. W. S. Hickenbotham's Comedian, 7st 12lb (J. Walker), 2; Mr. J. Redfearn's Marco, 8st 7lb (C. Ettridge), 3. Other starters: Warpaint, Bessie M'Carthy, Palo Alto, Carbonate, Loch Ness, Josephine, Stratan, Punctilious, Ayala. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Elswick, 6 to 1 v. Loch Ness, 8 to 1 v. Comedian and Marco, 10 to 1 Palo Alto and Carbonate, 12 to 1 v. others. Loch Ness, Elswick, and Punctilious were the first to show in front, and at the judge's box Elswick held a lead of half a length. Comedian headed Elswick at the back and had regained the home running, but the favourite came again inside the distance and beat Comedian home by a length, while Marco was two lengths away third. Time, 2 minutes 27½ seconds.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Mr. J. Gardener's Mikado II., 12st 8lb (Wynne), 1; Mr. D. Branigan's Namesake, 6st, carried 8st 11lb (Corrigan), 2; Mr. S. Miller's Elfie, 12st 10lb (Davis), 3. Other starters: Glenview, Blister, Rebecca, Little Arthur, Schoolboy, Woodside, Sir John Moore. Betting: 4 to 1 v. Mikado II. and Elfie, 5 to 1 v. Namesake, 6 to 1 v. Woodside, 7 to 1 v. Rebecca, 8 to 1 v. Schoolboy or any other. Namesake took a strong lead over the first fence, and the same order was preserved to the second, where Woodside came to grief. Sir John Moore then taking a strong lead showed the way over the treble in front of the stand, followed by Elfie and Namesake. At far side of the course Namesake went to the front, with Sir John Moore and Mikado II. on terms next. Sir John Moore came down at the last fence, and Mikado II. beat Namesake home by two lengths, the same distance between second and third. Time, 4 minutes 14 seconds.

SELLING RACE, 5 furlongs.—Mr. H. V. Crawseller's Rapid Fire, aat 10lb (H. Thomson), 1; Mr. W. H. Wilson's Parthia 6st 9lb (M'Dowan), 2; Mr. J. Redfearn's Outlaw, 6st 10lb (W. Redfearn), 3. Other starters: Ægyptus, The Bud. Betting: Even money on The Bud, 3 to 1 v. Ægyptus, 8 to 1 v. Rapid Fire, 7 to 1 v. Parthia, 10 to 1 v. Outlaw. Outlaw got off in front, followed by The Bud and Rapid Fire. Rapid Fire came out at the distance and won easily by a length and a half, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 2½ seconds. The winner was bought in by J. King for £125.

MAIDEN PLATE, 6 furlongs.—Mr. H. V. Crawseller's Parramatta, 7st 5lb (F. Shaw), 1; Mr. A. C. Densille's Fragment, 6st 8lb (F. Daunt), 2; Mr. H. Godsmark's Happy Jack, 7st 9lb (J. Stevenson), 3. Other starters: Sternchaser, Yarmon, J5, Woodlands, Hova, Ilium, Barefoot, Mirambeena, Tasmania, Dingenas, Taupo, Dunedin, Aurora, Comrade, Prior, Silverstream, Pensive, Master Mac, Cobalt. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Parramatta, 6 to 1 v. J 5, 8 to 1 v. Ilium, 10 to 1 v. Fragment, Happy Jack, Taupo, and Fragment. Ilium got away first, Barefoot being left at the post. As they ran into the straight Parramatta went to the front, and, never headed, beat Fragment home by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 15½ seconds.

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BOXING DAY.

A SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY.

WIDESPREAD EVIDENCES OF ENJOYMENT.

Notwithstanding the black presage of the storm on Christmas night, the morning broke on Boxing Day with scarcely a cloud in the sky. Later the wind came from the south-west and chopped during the afternoon to the south-east. Though the breeze was somewhat strong for the small boats, they managed to weather the squalls, and all returned to their moorings in safety. The event of the day was, of course, the races at Randwick, where the patronage was numbered by thousands. The reduction in the steamer fares to Manly Beach had a wonderful effect on the attendance at the popular marine suburb. There were thousands on the beach, and numerous picnic parties could be seen in the various nooks about the bends in the bay. In the evening the chief thoroughfares of the city were crowded with people, who promenaded till a late hour. All the theatres were filled by enthusiastic audiences.

UNITED PROTESTANT DEMONSTRATION.

A demonstration, in the form of an excursion by train to Mrs. Darval's grounds, Ryde, by the subordinate lodges of the Loyal Orange institutions, the Black Association, and Protestant benefit and kindred societies, took place yesterday. The officers and executive committee were:—Messrs. Sydney G. Pacey (G. B. Chapter), president; G. Grahame (L.O.L. 16) and J. T. Wells, D.M. (G.L.L.P.B.S.), vice-presidents; P. Forbes, gen. sec. (L.P.B.S.) and R. J. Atkinson (L.O.L. 20), joint secretaries; and A. A. Stanton (L.O.L. 18), treasurer. The sports committee consisted of Messrs. J. R. May (L.O.L. 54), secretary; A. Johnston (L.O.L. 17) and S. Cole (L.O.L. 54), judges; R. Wiggins (L.O.L. 201), R. M'Vey (L.O.L. No. 1), and W. H. Watts (L.O.L. 16), handicappers; A. Henderson (L.O.L. 17), starter; E. Morgan (L.O.L. 54), J. Chambers (L.O.L. 16), W. Bird (L.O.L. 4), M. Thompson (L.O.L. 16), and W. Elliott (L.O.L. 1), stewards.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the members of the various lodges, to the number of about 350, formed in procession outside the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street. All those taking part were in full regalia, and, preceded by a drag drawn by four grays, and the Annandale Brass Band, a start was made. After the band came the banner of the L.O.L., No. 1, Derry, and further down the ranks another banner, B.O.L., No. 18, Boyne, waved aloft, and towards the rear were a quartet of pipers in Highland costume, who added to the general effect. The procession moved via Bathurst-street into George-street, and thence to Redfern railway station. At Gipps-street West the wind was too much for the Derry banner, which was torn, and this necessitated its being furled. Upon arrival at Ryde station a procession was formed, and marched into the grounds, where the pipers paraded. About noon there were, it was estimated, about 3000 people assembled. The scene was a bright one. About 3 o'clock a procession, headed by the band, paraded the grounds, and, a halt having been called,

The Rev. E. D. MADOWICK said he had undertaken to say a few words in expression of their sentiments. He had first to offer his congratulations to Mrs. Darval upon being able to come there that day and take part in the meeting. (Hear, hear.) There was no one more active in the Protestant cause than Mrs. Darval, and none who was more in sympathy with Orangemen, and he prayed that she might be spared for many years to show her sympathy with that cause. They would all join with him in an expression of sympathy with Brother Jordan in the loss he had suffered lately by the death of his son, whereby a great shadow had been cast upon his home. The son he had lost had been an honoured member of the Gladesville Lodge, and he had been a worthy son of a worthy father. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Madgwick then asked them to pledge themselves to stand to the great cause which they had to serve. He was afraid they had lost ground of late; but there would be no doubt that the Protestant cause in New South Wales would again come to the front. No power on earth could resist its progress, and wherever Protestantism was, there freedom and progress went hand in hand. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. T. TAVERNER, G.M. of the Black Association, said he would not detain them with a long speech, as his views had been ably expressed by the

AMUSEMENTS.

THE LYCEUM PANTOMIME.

The new Lyceum pantomime, which was produced before a crowded holiday audience last night, proved to be chiefly spectacular. "Beauty and the Beast" is a fairy story which should lend itself readily to stage representation, and there were many who had hoped to find the interest of the fable the chief attraction of the Lyceum version. But though Tom Taylor's libretto afforded some dramatic moments, as well as a pretty opening scene showing Beauty at play with the village children, yet the narrative was too often obscured by the comic scenes, and attention was demanded more for the dazzling *mise-en-scène* than for anything else. Compared with last year's pantomime of "Red Riding Hood," which was marked by a singularly coherent story, unusually good music, and a general air of refinement, the new piece is disappointing. This impression may probably be modified considerably when "Beauty and the Beast," which played fully four hours, has been compressed into three. The company is talented, and not only did Miss Nellie Stewart make a charming Beauty, pretty, vivacious, and unaffected, but Miss Young took hooked and sang well as the Prince. There was a really first-rate chorus, and a number of handsome and shapely *figurantes* filled the stage. The misfortune was that, though there were half a dozen comic actors on the stage who understood burlesque thoroughly well, the resultant effect is the first act was more often one of noise than humour. The scope for excision is, however, so wide as to give Mr. Lauri a pretty free hand, and when the noise has been cut out and the fun left in, there will be enough remaining to render "Beauty and the Beast" as consistently brisk and amusing as it already is magnificently spectacular.

The opposing forces of Good and Evil being represented in a novel way by the Black Spider (Mr. R. Stewart, jun.) and attendant mosquitos on the one side, and Zephyr (Miss May Pollard) with her train of zephyrs and butterflies, occasion is given for a beautiful ballet of butterflies and bats at the end of the first act. The scenery by Messrs. Gordon and Gaotcher is everywhere fine, and here the Court of Lions is represented. The tawny beasts on either side the court are superbly painted so as to suggest the majesty and strength of the kingly brutes, whilst above the golden throne at the back of the stage a lion rampant breathes death and defiance at the gay courtiers who sport below. A hundred dancers, with wings most delicately coloured, flit hither and thither, and amongst them appears Mdlle. Barthe, stepping with all the grace and lightness, and appealing to the hearts of the susceptibles with all the soft entreating gestures which give the charm of ever-piquant variety to all that she does. It is in this splendid hall that Beauty has come to seek the Beast. In one of the prettiest scenes in the burlesque, Beauty's home, an old-fashioned gabled cottage at the side of a gushing torrent, has been already revealed. A stone bridge spans the foaming stream, the mountains tower aloft, the fir-trees clothe the hillside, the verdure is of the palest northern tint—no more romantic cradle for a fairy story could have been wished. And for a while the spell of the scene is not broken. Miss Nellie Stewart, who throughout the evening played admirably in character, shows the audience how Beauty can play with the village children. A dozen of her pretty schoolfellows in Kate Greenaway costumes of very true to life, join in the dance and chorus to the solo "Molly and I and the Baby." After a long comic interlude, a cream-coloured pony arrives from the Prince, Beauty mounts on a hunting-cap and "pink" coat, and seated there the huntress sings a ballad of farewell set to a sweet and vivacious "Bell Chorus." It will be the easiest thing in the world to hurry on, on repetition, to the joyous gaiety of the Hall of Lions, where Chim Chim (Mr. Vernon, gracefully made up as the Missing Link) awaits the arrival of the Prince. Miss Florence Young in this character was encored for "Over the Stream," the fateful toast, "To Beauty's Eyes," is drunk, the warning chorus fills the air, and the Prince ascends the throne. For one moment the stage is darkened—and the Prince appears in his place as Beast. This clever metamorphosis closes the first act; and in the last, in a short scene in which Mr. A. Lisant acted with considerable force, the Beast lies dying, and revived by Beauty just as the clock strikes the dreaded hour. These parts of the pantomime, in which the fable is told, are beyond question the best, and are admirably carried out.

The spectacular effects of the second act will build up the topmost ambitions of the play. The scene is a picturesque scene beneath blossoming trees, with the dazzling sheen of an ornamental lake behind, and the white fabric of the Chicago domes and buildings rising airily in the distance. Mr. George Lauri, as Daddy, made-up Dundreary, worries over a bicycle and strapped and wrapped up solely in a railway rug, here joins Messrs. Shields, Sydney and Ted Faust, in a wild chase and trap scene, which convulsed the audience and proved one of the hits of the evening. Before this Mr. Lauri had been encored for "But I'm not," and for a duet and eccentric dance "A Finger in the Pie," in which Miss Stewart shared the honors. Now he joined with Messrs. Gribben and D'Arcy Stanfield, who worked indefatigably as Ribono and Popperino, sent from Barnum's "Greatest Show on Earth" to find a lost elephant, very cleverly done, but which fell flat with the audience. Mr. Lauri stoned for this in "Quite Sufficient," which was twice encored. The Faust Brothers and Baby Faust added some startling "acrobatics," and then the scene of "Ballet of All Nations" was introduced. Each nation was represented by staff officer, standard-bearer, and attendants magnificently accoutred, and was accompanied by appropriate music. When all had filed past, and the pageant of dazzling splendour had been furnished, and the ballet, which followed, was the event of the evening. Mdlle. Bartho danced with untiring vivacity in three or four different styles, and brought the house to the instantaneous with which she danced a hornpipe in the dress of a British tar. The third ballet consisted of a rainbow dance in which four dancers shook their fluent draperies amidst a profusion of exquisite tints to "a rose fell in the garden of the night!" and finally Mr. Gordon's transformation scene delighted all with its fine contrast of colour. The great effect was contrived with butterfly wings, the ribs of which revolved rapidly in the glowing light, that backed the scene in Chinese foliage of fuchsia blossoms. The harlequinade was unusually elaborate and well managed by Messrs. Ted Faust (clown) and Bob Faust (pantaloon). Miss Lucy Cobb proved a pretty harlequina. To sum up, "Beauty and the Beast" is full of good things, and when trimmed in the usual way after the first night will have a successful career before it.

CRITERION THEATRE.—CHARLEY'S AUNT.

The return to this city after a lengthened absence of Frank Thornton and Charles Arnold, the former of "Private Secretary" fame, and the latter of "Hans the Boatman" celebrity, who have entered into partnership as entrepreneurs was welcomed at the Criterion last evening by a house which was crowded in every part. Messrs. Thornton and Arnold, both of whom have conclusively proved that they thoroughly realise what will meet the public taste, albeit their respective solutions of the problem run on different lines, have organised a company of which they have given the designation of "Frank Thornton and Charles Arnold's English Comedy Company." It was this company which made the acquaintance of a Sydney audience for the first time last evening, and the introduction was such as to once establish the utmost good-fellowship and cordiality between the two sections of the theatre which were divided by the footlights and to augur well for the success, from a financial standpoint, of the enterprise of the two entrepreneurs. The curtain rose upon a dramatic sketch entitled "A Bachelor's Wife," and was "Charley's Aunt" which the people went to see, and it was "Charley's Aunt"—or, to quote the cue of the central character of the play, "Charley's Aunt from Brazil, where the nuts come from"—upon which the company virtually asked to be judged. And, to sum up the judgment of the audience, it was a most unmistakable one, tending to show that "Charley's Aunt" would enjoy a run of popularity at least equal, if not superior, to that accorded to the "Private Secretary." Yet in "Charley's Aunt" there is nothing whatever suggestive of the "Private Secretary." "Charley's Aunt" is cast altogether upon different lines. So much so that the humour of the play is more spontaneous than that of the "Secretary." In both there are absurdities which would not bear analysis; but audiences as a rule—certainly the audience which filled the Criterion last night, thawing in an almost 'high temperature even less tolerable—do not go to see a comedy to indulge the faculty of analysis. Briefly stated, two undergraduates of a certain college, who, of course, are in a condition of impecuniosity, are expecting a visit from Charley's Aunt, a lady (Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez), a millionaire, who sustains the relationship of aunt to one of them (Charley Wykeham), and about the same time they invite to meet the visitor two ladies (Kitty Verdun and Amy Spettigue). Charley's aunt, however, delays her coming, and as the other lady visitors could not—having due regard to what Mrs. Grundy might say—visit the two undergrads at their collegiate rooms in the absence of a duenna, a fortunate incident thrusts a third under-grad, Lord Fancourt Babberley, into such a position that, having as a freak already clothed himself in the garments of an elderly woman, *nolens volens* he has to impersonate the expected aunt, the only one that he can possibly receive in the circumstances being that he is to be "Charley's Aunt, from Brazil, where the Nuts come from." Having so slender a cue, he of course flounders continually, and commits all sorts of anachronisms. The two ladies, to secure a visit from whom the expedient of impersonating Charley's Aunt was resorted to at the instance of their lovers, duly arrive; and to the discomfiture of their hosts Lord Babberley by reason of his assumption of womanly relationship (as Charley's Aunt) is enabled to secure from the Misses Amy and Kitty many caresses and endearments which raise in the breasts of the two collegiates (Jack Chesney and Charley Wykeham) the most envious of feelings. Embraced in the comedy are also Colonel Chesney, who, despite the fact that he has seen service in India, soon becomes consumed with a desire to marry Charley's Aunt (alias Lord Babberley) and Stephen Spettigue (a solicitor), another "old fool," who also conceives a most violent passion for the so-called Charley's Aunt. The situations arising out of the impersonation of Charley's Aunt, by the unwilling Lord Babberley are undeniably funny, and keep the audience in an uproarious state of merriment. *En passant*, it may be stated that the affection of one of the suitors for the hand of the impostor who claims to be Charley's Aunt, is of a most mercenary character, being the reason why he is not able to pay the bill to a creditor who, although clothed in skirts, is a man and not a woman. Of course the real Charley's Aunt eventually arrives, but instead of following her womanly instincts, and thus spoiling the fun, she has the capacity to remember that there is some fun procurable, and philosophically enters *con amore* into it, temporarily concealing her personality. Thus she is enabled to good the impostor, Charley's Aunt, by recounting incidents concerning the deceased husband of Donna Lucia, of which he was totally unaware, to the utter embarrassment of the impersonator. Eventually the aspirations of the principal persons in the comedy are realised, the sham Charley's Aunt relinquishes his skirts, and the real Charley's Aunt takes up her true position, and there is a host of arrangements for the celebration of nuptials.

The brief outline already given of the comedy will but very faintly serve to convey the humorous situations and other striking points with which it abounds. And the title indicates, the merriment of the play is concentrated in Charley's Aunt (otherwise Lord Fancourt Babberley), a character full of drollery, which is sustained by Mr. Frank Thornton in such a way as to suggest to those already familiar with him as an actor versatility of which but few ever dreamt. He was full of piquant laconic expressions, which drew from the house wave after wave of mirth, which was boisterously demonstrative. Lord Babberley (as Charley's Aunt) was always finding himself in positions which were ludicrous in the extreme, and Mr. Thornton never missed an opportunity for giving point to these situations, and the audience laughed most responsively. Of the other actors it may be said that they concentrated their attention upon giving effect to details which were necessary to secure the success of the performance as a whole. Jack Chesney was represented by Mr. A. E. Matthews; Charley Wykeham, by Mr. Percy Brough; Stephen Spettigue, by Mr. E. W. Thomas; Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, Bart., by Mr. F. W. Leonard; Amy Spettigue, by Miss Dot Frederic; Kitty Verdon, by Miss Agnes Knights; Ella Delahay, by Miss Blanche Carlyle; and Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez (the real "aunt") by Mrs. Walter Hill.

The comedy and the drama which preceded it will be repeated to-night, under the patronage of his Excellency the Admiral and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, and also the officers of the Australian station.

OPERA HOUSE.

The "Royal Middy" was introduced at the Opera-House last night by an opera company under the management of Mr. E. Farley. The piece was presented in first-class style. It is now some years since Mr. R. Cecil's well-known opera was staged in Sydney. It is the intention of the management to run for a season during which some good operas will be produced, frequent changes of programme being the intention of the management. Last night there was a large audience, and the applause was frequent. The "Royal Middy" is too well known to need repetition. The scene is laid in Lisbon, and the chief characters are Don Lamberto (who, from being a lieutenant of the 31st Infantry, has become a rear-admiral), Fanchette (a versatile actress, who afterwards disguises herself as a royal middy), and Don Januario, one of five brothers "owning simply fabulous wealth," who is "immensely struck" with Fanchette. Needless to say that finally Fanchette becomes the wife of Don Januario and Don Lamberto. The programme contained some well-known names. The Royal Middy was impersonated by Miss Colbourne Baber, who was a great favourite. Mr. Edward Farley, in his original character of Don Januario, acquitted himself with credit, and was also assisted in the success of the piece. Don Lamberto, in the hands of Mr. William Walshe, would have been better had a little more spirit been thrown into the part. Marie, the Queen of Portugal, by Miss Edith Moore, was charmingly taken; whilst Miss E. A. Lambert had, in the character of Donna Antonia, the wife of Don Domingo, a part which suited her exceptionally well. Mr. W. P. Morrison was at his ease as the black-moustached upper-class Portuguese Don Domingo; and Mr. Harry Craig, as the short-sighted Don Domingo, made the most of the character. The story abounds with strange situations and peculiar incidents. Miss Colbourne Baber seemed equally at home both as the French actress, Fanchette, and the much-plagued "middy," and her constant assertions that "she declined to be a man" were most naturally given. The duel scene was well played. Miss Baber proved to be in capital voice, and her singing compelled attention and evoked applause. Miss Edith Moore sang well. Mr. Ed. Farley likewise deserves full praise for his vocal efforts. The other characters were in good hands, and the play went smoothly. The scenery was attractive, and judging from the opening night the company's season ought to be successful.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

A mixed programme of trotting and pony and galloway racing will be played out to-day under the management of the Kensington Racing Club, and visitors to that sporting resort will be accommodated with trams starting from Bent-street at 11.35 a.m., 12.5, 12.25, 1.1, 1.20, 1.40, 2.18, and 2.53 p.m., while a service of 'buses will run direct to the course from Circular Quay, via Pitt-street. The opening event is timed for 2.20 p.m., and the final for 4.45 p.m.

The Warwick Farm Pony and Galloway Club held their regular meeting to-day on the Canterbury Park racecourse, and, in addition to the ordinary service to Ashfield, special trains leave Redfern station at 12.48 and 1.3 p.m. There are half a dozen items on the card, the start for the first of which has been fixed for 2 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the last race will be decided.

The sale of racehorses announced by Mr. T. S. Clibborn to take place to-morrow has been postponed until Tuesday next, the 2nd proximo.

Up to the present all the youngsters sired by the handsome Niagara, and who have made their debut on the turf, have been successful. Aquarius has earned training brackets on the Victorian courses, and owing to an unfortunate accident was unable to compete in the V.R.C. Derby, in which he was looked upon as having a first-class chance. The pony Lizzie has attracted the attention of the judge among the small horses; and yesterday Laura, a speedy looking filly, by Niagara from the celebrated Cerise and Blue, carried the popular colours of Mr. H. Oxenham to the front in the Nursery Handicap, having fought out the finish in the gamest manner with the favourite, Hirondelle.

The privileges in connection with Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting, to be held at Randwick on Saturday and Monday next, will be offered for sale at noon to-day by Mr. George Kiss, at his bazaar, Pitt-street.

After her victory in the Two Years Old Plate at Randwick yesterday, Mooroougie was brought under the hammer, and was bought in for £85, of which £25 was the upset price. £30 was bid by Mr. A. E. Cornwell, the owner of the second horse, and a similar amount was credited to the funds of the club.

The programme framed by the Canterbury management for the pony and galloway meeting to be held on or about Tuesday, the 2nd proximo, is set forth in our business columns, and owners of small horses should not forget that entries for the following events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. W. L. Dowling, before 9 p.m. to-night:—Flying Handicap of 30 sovs. (14.2), 5 furlongs; Dwarf Handicap of 30 sovs. (13.2), 4 furlongs; Pony Handicap of 30 sovs. (14), 5 furlongs; Bridge Handicap of 30 sovs. (14.1), 5½ furlongs; Selling Race of 40 sovs. (14.2), w.f.a., winner to be sold for 60 sovs., 5 furlongs; and Galloway Handicap of 50 sovs. (14.2), 1 mile and 100 yards.

Bouquet has been struck out of all engagements in connection with Tattersall's Club annual reunion.

Our New Zealand exchanges contain the result of the race for the Auckland Cup, which was credited to that well-known sportsman, Major George, by Nelson's son, Pegasus.

In this issue Mr. G. B. Rowley announces the programme of fixtures for next week's racing at Kensington, on the 2nd and 6th January, and for the undermentioned events comprised therein, nominations will be received at the office of the club up to 5 p.m. on Friday next:—Bank Day Handicap, for Class Three of 10 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile; Thirteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 3½ furlongs; Thirteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs; Fourteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Fourteen-two Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Time Handicap Trot of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. and third horse 1 sov. from the prize, 2 miles; and Kensington Handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize (14.3), 1½ furlongs; Second Day's Fourteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4½ furlongs; Thirteen-two Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs; Fourteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Time Handicap Trot of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; Time Handicap Trot of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. and third horse 1 sov. from the prize, 2 miles; and Kensington Handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. and third horse 1 sov. from the prize (15), 6 furlongs.

A special cable message from India announces the victory of the Australian horse Highbora in the Viceroy's Cup—the most coveted trophy on the Indian turf—at the Winter Meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club yesterday. Highbora on many occasions carried the popular colours of Mr. W. Forrester to the front, his successes including the A.J.C. Sydney Cup, 1891, and the V.R.C. Australian Cup, 1892, and he also made a very strong bid for the Melbourne Cup, 1891. About a year ago he was sent to be purchased on behalf of the well-known Indian sportsman, the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, under whose colours the son of Grandmaster won the Viceroy's Cup, 1892, just beating his old companion and compatriot, Good Hope, after a great race. Late advices from Calcutta brought the intelligence that Highbora had gone wrong, that his back tendons were affected, and that he had receded in the betting market for the Cup from the position of favourite to 4 to 1, while Good Hope supplanted him in the market. With the view of lowering the colours of the erstwhile Warwick Farm horse, the Maharajah of Cooch Behar in autumn purchased the three-year-old colt Spring Fever, and the consignment of the Australian pair was anticipated with great interest; but the cable message shows that the great son of Grandmaster has by his second win in the Viceroy's Cup succeeded in upholding the prestige of his sire.

THE BETTING MARKET.

The reading of the card was responsible for a large gathering of members at Tattersall's Club last evening, and a fair amount of business was transacted. The Carrington Stakes was the first feature of the fortnight, and the first wager recorded was 200 to 14 about Sundial, and that price remained on offer. When Shamrock's name was called, an offer of 1000 to 30 was taken, and in quick succession wagers of 1000 to 40, 1000 to 45, and 1000 to 50 were registered, with 1000 to 60 on offer. After lines of 200 to 14 and 2000 to 160 were booked against Stanmore, 100 to 9 was the best obtainable; and 1000 to 40 was accepted about Moorcitell. A couple of hundred to 14 was taken about Hero; and bets of 200 to 18, 500 to 45, and 1000 to 100 (twice) were placed against Bucclough, after which 100 to 11 was the best to be got. Hurrah was also the medium of considerable speculation, and after wagers amounting to 1000 to 14 had been laid, 500 to 40, 200 to 16, and 1000 to 50 (twice) were recorded, with 1000 to 60 on offer. 1000 to 20 was booked about Lady Trenton, and bets of 100 to 5 and 1000 to 50 against Solon without exhausting the market at that price. 500 to 14 was taken about Ogre; and with 100 to 3 still on offer; 2000 to 40 was registered against Kilmore, 500 to 10 against Peacock, and 2000 to 4 against Merry Belle, with 1000 to 2 on offer against the last named.

For Tattersall's Cup, 200 to 9 was written against Tarantella; 100 to 5 was booked against Donation, and 300 to 27 against Stanmore, about whom 100 to 10 was afterwards on offer. Miletos was befriended to the extent of £700 at 100 to 5, 100 to 2 was registered against Nightingale, and 200 to 10 against The Trader.

The latest quotations on offer are subjoined:—

Carrington Stakes: 100 to 11 v. Bucclough, 100 to 9 v. Stanmore, 100 to 7 v. Sundial, 100 to 6 v. Shamrock and Hurrah, 100 to 5 v. Hero, 100 to 4 v. Moorcitell, 100 to 3 v. Solon, 100 to 2 v. Mentmate, 100 to 4 v. Moorefield and Hero, 100 to 3 to 100 to 1 v. others.

Tattersall's Cup: 100 to 10 v. Little Bernie, Candour, and Stanmore, 100 to 8 v. Jeweller, Launceston, and Lady Trenton, 100 to 6 v. Donation, 100 to 5 v. Miletos and The Trier, 100 to 5 each v. The Admiral, Sunshine, Florrie, Dan O'Connor, E.K., Mahee, Zingaro, and Blue Peter, 100 to 4 v. Pippin, 100 to 3 to 100 to 1 v. others.

THE LILLIE BRIDGE CUP.

The competition for the Lillie Bridge Cup was brought to a successful close last evening, when quite 2000 people witnessed the final heats, despite the fact that the weather prospects were by no means encouraging. The racing was good, speculation brisk, and the programme was got through without a hitch. The final resulted in a somewhat unexpectedly easy victory for the speedy Vanity, who has now undoubtedly become prominent as a racing pony. The following are the results of the racing:—

First Round.—Tentibheat: M. Guevan's b m Ruby, 5 years, 6st (Johnson), 1. Four started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Sinbad, 2 to 1 v. Ruby, 3 to 1 v. others. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 18 second. Eleventh heat: J. Mihell's b g Pardon, 6st 10lb (Hutchinson), 1. Four started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Mallroy, 2 to 1 v. Pardon and Annie Rooney. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 1 second. Twelfth heat: C. Hunt's gr m Maud, aged, 7st 4lb (Mylne), 1. Six started. Betting: 4 to 1 v. Maud, 3 to 1 v. Prosperity and others. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 1 second.

Second Round.—First heat: Vanity (G. Smith), 1; Black Swan (Fulford), 2. Six started. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Black Swan, 4 to 1 bar one. Won by a neck. Time, 59 seconds. Second heat: The Wolf, 7st 11lb (Mylne), 1; Ellie, 6st 4lb (Cavanagh), 2. Four started. Betting: 10 to 4 v. Ellie, 2 to 1 v. Villiwood and The Wolf. Won by a length. Time, 59½ seconds.

Final.—Vanity (G. Smith), 1; The Wolf (Mylne), 2; Black Swan (Fulford), 3. Four started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Black Swan, 6 to 4 v. Vanity, 5 to 1 v. The Wolf, 10 to 1 v. Ellie. Won by seven lengths. Time, 59½ seconds.

[By Telegraph.]

[From our correspondents.]

BATHURST PONY RACES.

BATHURST, TUESDAY.

A race meeting under the auspices of the Bathurst Pony Racing Club was held to-day. There was a poor attendance. The following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Monarch, 9st 7lb, 1; Young Mendacious, 8st 8lb, 2. Won by 2 lengths. Time, 1 minute 25 seconds.

Miniature Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Ruby, 8st 3lb, 1; Kitty O'Shea, 8st 2lb. Won by three lengths. Time, 56 seconds.

Christmas Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Glencoe, 7st, 1; Waratah, 8st, 2. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1 minute 10 seconds.

Pony Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Alma, 7st 12lb, 1; Mack, 7st 10lb, 2. Won by two lengths. Time, 61 seconds.

Boxing Day Handicap.—Monarch, 10st 2lb, 1; Kitty O'Shea, 7st 8lb, 2. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1 minute 55 seconds.

Consolation Race.—Waratah, 1.

GRAFTON JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

GRAFTON, TUESDAY.

The weather to-day was excessively hot, with a hot westerly wind, the thermometer registering 105° in the shade. It was the hottest day of the season. The fourth Grafton Jockey Club races were well attended, and the course was in good order. The following are the results:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. Ward's ch m Jewel, 7st 9lb, 1; Mr. A. N. Barmer's Moonshade, 8st 8lb, 2; Mr. J. H. Smith's Mimosa, 8st 5lb, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

Hack Race, 1 mile.—Mr. H. Brooks's Merkworth, 8st 12lb, 1; Mr. G. Plummer's Shearock II., 8st 11lb, 2; Mr. J. Ellem's Turquin, 8st 8lb, 3. Orlando and Golden Eagle also started. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 49 seconds.

Southampton Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. W. G. Forsyth's Shenkadu, 10st 1lb; Mr. H. Smith's Cymbal, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. J. Walker's Nargo, 7st 12lb, 3. A splendid finish between the three. Time, 1 minute 47 seconds.

Sovereign Handicap, once round.—Mr. H. Brooks's Merkworth, 8st 2lb, 1; Mr. T. Morrow's Yately, 9st 4lb, 2; Mr. F. Dorrington's Thoroughpen, 8st 7lb, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 54 seconds.

Bookmaker Handicap.—Mr. H. Smith's Mimosa, 9st 4lb, 1; Mr. A. N. Barmer's Moonshade, 9st 4lb, 2; Mr. H. Smith's Aureline, 8st 7lb, 3. Won by three lengths. Shamrock, Zara, Aloe, and Scratch also started.

WINGECARRIBEE RACES.

MOSS VALE, TUESDAY.

The Wingecarribee races were well attended to-day. The following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, ¾ mile.—Mr. W. Miller's Comet, 8st 8lb, 1; Mr. C. Price's Alcides, 8st 8lb, 2; Mr. G. Tate's Firetown, 6st 7lb, 3.

Wingecarribee Handicap, 1½ mile.—Mr. W. Miller's Comet, 9st 8lb, 1; Mr. G. Tate's Zoe, 7st 8lb, 2; Mr. C. McAlister's Rosebury, 3.

Novice Selling Race, 1 mile.—Bamboo, 1; Jessie, 2.

Hack Race, once round.—Midnight, 1; Jessie, 2.

Farewell Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. C. McAlister's Rosethorn, 8st, 1; Mr. W. Miller's Comet, 8st 7lb, 2; Mr. G. Tate's Zoe, 8st, 3.

PAMBULA JOCKEY CLUB.

PAMBULA, TUESDAY.

The first day's racing of the Pambula Jockey Club was held to-day. There was a good attendance and some fine racing. The results are as follows:—

Opening Handicap.—Lena, 1; Arbaces, 2; Lexicon, 3.

Pambula Cup.—Miss, 1; Mabel, 2; Maori, 3.

Hack Selling Race.—Hurricane, 1.

Doncaster Handicap.—Revenge, 2; Lillydale, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Riff Raff, 1; King Clovis, 2; Blackbird, 3.

The meeting will be continued to-morrow.

WILCANNIA TURF CLUB.

WILCANNIA, TUESDAY.

The midsummer meeting of the Wilcannia Turf Club was held to-day. The weather was fine, and the attendance fairly large. The following are the results:—

Maiden Plate, 1 mile.—Bluff, 1; Little Maid, 2; Off Colour, 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 1 minute 52 seconds.

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Brungle, 1; Eskimo, 2; Maesstorm, 3. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

Boxing Day Handicap, 1½ mile.—Utsara, 1; Bluff, 2; Dumocles, 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Time, 2 minutes 15 seconds.

Ladies' Bracelet, 1 mile.—Eskimo, 1; Quondong, 2; Diamond, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 52 seconds.

Darling Handicap, 1 mile.—Utsara, 1; Brungle, 2; Dumocles, 3. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1 minute 46 seconds.

Forces Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Brungle, 1; Little Maid, 2; Quondong, 3. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

KURRAJONG SUMMER RACES.

RICHMOND, TUESDAY.

The Kurrajong summer races were held to-day at Wheeny. The weather was very hot, but there was an attendance of over 400 people. The races resulted as follows:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Terry's Nihilist, 1; Mr. Gosper's Master Godiva, 2. Won by a head. Three started.

Handicap Trot, about 2 miles.—Mr. Bean's Reliable, 1; Mr. Roberts's Idle Boy, 2. Six started.

Kurrajong Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. Gosper's Master Godiva, 1; Mr. Bean's Reliable, 2. Four started.

Welter Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Coboroft's Dancing Master, 1; Mr. Mitchell's Leith, 2.

Farewell Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Coboroft's Dancing Master, 1; Mr. Gosper's Master Godiva, 2.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, TUESDAY.

The Christmas meeting of the Wallsend Jockey Club commenced to-day in splendid weather and good attendance, including many ladies. The course is in good order. The stewards, Mr. A. Chipendall's Hercules won three events out of six. Mr. T. Abel, E. Cowcher, and C. Goldie ably fulfilled the duties of judge, secretary, and starter. The following are the results:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. E. Chippendall's Hercules, 7st 11lb, 1; Mr. T. Cook's Bretia, 7st 4lb, 2; Mr. J. Starker's Lyoness, 7st, 3. Other starters: Brenda, Killarney, Decimal, Butcher Boy, Bridgement. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Hercules, 5 to 2 v. Lyoness, 3 to 1 v. Bretia, 6 to 1 v. Decimal, 6 to 1 v. Lyoness and Bridgement, 7 to 1 v. Hercules. Butcher Boy was left at the post. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds. Killarney and Brenda scratched to post, but it was dismissed.

Exchange Plate, 6 furlongs.—Mr. R. Fleming's Mango, 7st 8lb, 1; Mr. T. Cook's Bretia, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. W. Jobe's Ida, 8st 10lb, 3. Telephone also started. Betting: Even on Mango, 2 to 1 v. Royal, 5 to 1 v. Ida and Telephone. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds. The winner was bought in for £90.

Town Plate Handicap.—Mr. E. Chippendall's Hercules, 8st 4lb, 1; Mr. T. Cooper's Lady Ada, 7st 4lb, 2; Mr. A. Chippendall's The Corsair, 7st 3lb, 3. Other starters: The Rat, Everistas, Over. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Hercules, 5 to 2 v. Lady Ada, 7 to 1 v. The Rat, 8 to 1 v. The Corsair, 9 to 1 v. Everistas and Corsair. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 44½ seconds.

Welter Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. L. Purcell's Ginger, 6st 12lb, 1; Mr. D. J. Campbell's Glorvina, 7st 10lb, 2; Mr. J. Jewell's Negus, 8st 3lb, 3. You're Right also started. Betting: Even on Glorvina, 2 to 1 v. You're Right, 4 to 1 v. Negus and Ginger. Won by four lengths. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Hack Race, 6 furlongs.—Ida, 1st 11lb, 1; Telephone, 7st 12lb, 2; Pinafore, 3. Ginger also started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Ida, 3 to 1 v. Express, Plunger, and Telephone. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Welter Handicap.—Mr. E. Chippendall's Hercules, 1st 4lb, 1; Mr. J. Starker's Lyoness, 8st 6lb, 2; Mr. R. R. Jones's Decimal, 8st 11lb, 3. Other starters: Killarney, Brenda, Ginger, Over, Express. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Hercules, 5 to 1 v. Kilkenna, 5 to 1 v. Over, 6 to 1 v. Lyoness. Won by half a head. Time, 1 minute 32½ seconds.

LITHGOW DRIVING CLUB RACES.

LITHGOW, TUESDAY.

The Lithgow Driving Club race meeting was held to-day on the Eskbank course. The weather was fine and warm, and the attendance was good. The racing generally was fair. The following are the results:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Roden's Sweetbriar, 8st 7lb, 1; Mr. James' Say Go, 7st 5lb, 2. Eight started.

Hack Race, once round.—Mr. Giblett's Sovereign. There were six starters.

Pony Race, 5 furlongs.—Mr. Bulkeley's Rosebud, 8st 2lb, 1; Mr. Smith's Jessie, 7st 10lb, 2. Four started.

Driving Club Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mr. Skelly's Taranna, 7st 8lb, 1; Mr. James' Say Go, 7st 11lb, 2. Seven started.

Pony Race, 4½ furlongs.—Mr. Bulkeley's Rosebud, 8st 2lb, 1; Mr. Smith's Jessie, 7st 10lb, 2. Four started.

Driving Club Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mr. Skelly's Taranna, 7st 8lb, 1; Mr. James' Say Go, 7st 11lb, 2. Seven started.

Pony Race, 4½ furlongs.—Mr. Bulkeley's Rosebud, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. Flannagan's Molly, 8st, 2. There were four starters. A subsequent protest gave Mr. Morris's Flossie, second place.

Forced Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Blue Bell, 7st, 1; Arabi Bey, 7st, 2. Four started.

PARKES JOCKEY CLUB.

PARKES, TUESDAY.

The Parkes Jockey Club Christmas Meeting was held to-day. There was a fair attendance, and the racing was good, the course being in splendid order. The following are the results:—

Opening Handicap.—Lady Olliffe, 1; Carnation, 2; Kapaira, 3. Time, 1 minute 16 seconds.

Selling Plate.—Kapaira, 1; Syd, 2; Dido, 3. Time, 1 minute 19½ seconds.

Boxing Day Handicap.—Carnation, 1; Convict, 2; Little Bessie, 3. Time, 1 minute 16 seconds.

Welter Handicap.—Barbette, 1; Exchange, 2; Lady Olliffe, 3.

Selling Handicap.—Convict, 1; Barbette, 2; Exchange, 3.

TUMUT TURF CLUB RACES.

TUMUT, TUESDAY.

Delightful weather prevailed to-day, but there was only a small attendance at the Turf Club races, owing to other meetings. The course was in good order, and the racing was very good. The results were:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Paine's Silent Grove, 8st 2lb, 1; Mr. J. Jordan's Angus, 8st 10lb, 2; Mr. Barlsen's Gladstone, 7st 10lb, 3. Twenty-one started.

Maiden Plate, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Mason's Ellerton, 8st 11lb, 1; Mr. Brook's Bronzewing, 7st 12lb, 2; Mr. M'Elroy's Ohio, 8st 5lb, 3. Grand race, with a close finish. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Christmas Handicap, 1 mile 5 chains.—Mr. Rouse's Sir Charles, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. M'Elroy's Oxley, 7st, 2; Mr. Jordan's Dollarton, 4lb, 3. A good race. The winner raced neck and neck to the straight, and a pretty finish ensued. Time, 1 minute 57 seconds.

Selling Race, 6 furlongs.—Mr. M'Elroy's Oxley, 8st 7lb, 1; Mr. Barlow's Miss Mermury, 7st 13lb (5lb over), 2; Mr. Andrews's Daydawn, 8st 9lb, 3. A good race. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Summer Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mr. Rouse's Sir Charles, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. Barlow's Miss Mermury, 7st 13lb (5lb over), 2; Mr. Andrews's Daydawn, 8st 8lb, 3. A good race. Time, 1 minute 28 seconds.

Selling Race, 6 furlongs.—Mr. M'Elroy's Oxley, 8st 7lb, 1; Mr. Barlow's Miss Mermury, 7st 13lb (5lb over), 2; Mr. Andrews's Daydawn, 8st 8lb, 3. A good race. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

Hurdle Race.—Mr. W. Coles's Sir George, 10st 4lb (Lee), 1; Mr. V. Tanner's Inferno, 10st (J. M'Govern), 2; Mr. G. B. Bennett's The Duke, 8st 5lb (M. Burns), 3. Other starters: Barter, Sentiment, Jack T

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING.

To-day (Boxing Day) has been observed as a due holiday by financial institutions and in the export and export markets. The banks and Government offices will be open for business as usual to-morrow (Wednesday), but the Stock Exchange will not reopen till Wednesday next week (the 2nd prximo).

Mr. C. J. Stewart, the official receiver of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, we learn by cable, has issued a statement to the effect that he estimates that there is a surplus of assets over liabilities amounting to £612,000. This should be satisfactory to the creditors generally, and should promote the adoption of the scheme of reconstruction. At a meeting of creditors of the company held in London on 4th August last, Mr. Stewart stated that after £200,000 had been written off for depreciation, the assets would exactly equal the liabilities. It would appear, therefore, that a more thorough examination of the company's affairs has resulted much more favourably than he at first anticipated. It may be remembered that at the beginning of the current month the debentures of the company rose from £80 to £88 10s, partly owing to some inkling of the change in the aspect of affairs having become known. The total assets of the company are set down at £4,493,000, subject to claims of debenture-holders amounting to £1,370,000. The total liabilities are £5,440,000, of which, however, only £2,250,000 is expected to rank. The issue of debenture stock and the conversion of outstanding debentures will probably be found necessary. Meanwhile the scheme of reconstruction which has been agreed to by the creditors' committee is still withheld, pending the settlement of an unforeseen difficulty which has arisen.

The municipal authorities of Chicago find themselves unable to pay their employees, owing to a deficit in their treasury of 700,000dol., or about £146,000. Such an exhibition of impecuniosity is an unpleasant sequel to the World's Fair, which, though a magnificent enterprise, and one which brought the city prominently into public notice, entailed heavy expenditure, and was not a financial success. Seeing, however, that the "Fair" was of a semi-national character, it is probable that an appeal will be made to Congress for assistance. In this connection it is interesting to note that the relations of the United States Government with the Exposition terminated on 30th October, instead of on 31st October, as had been intended, a circumstance which is attributed to the error of a congressional engrossing clerk. The relations of the city of Chicago to the Fair, we learn from *Bradstreets*, were continued for another day. The journals of the city insist that but for the clerical error which shortened the official life of the Exposition by a day, its record of attendance would have exceeded all previous records of the kind. It appears that the total admissions at Chicago during the official life of the Fair from 1st May to 30th October inclusive were 27,494,998, as compared with 28,149,353 at Paris in 1889, and 9,910,966 at Philadelphia in 1876. It is noted, however, that the admission fee at Chicago was 50 cents, whilst the fee at Paris was only a franc, or less than half as much. This regard is had to particular months, Chicago claims to hold the record. The best month of paid admissions at Chicago was marked by the attendance of 6,816,435 persons, whereas the best month at Paris only showed a total of 5,246,704, and the best month at Philadelphia only 2,334,000. On the best day at Chicago there were reported 716,881 paid attendances, on the best day at Paris 397,000, and on the best day at Philadelphia 274,919. It is noteworthy also that the Exposition was closed at the zenith of its popularity, the attendance having increased every month till that of October reached 7,943,430, or 2,136,488 in excess of that of September. By subtracting the paid admissions, 6,816,435, it would appear that during October the Fair was visited by 1,128,995 "deadheads." It would be interesting to know whether this affords any clue to the cause of the deficit.

The Rand goldfield is steadily increasing its yield. In the first 10 months of the current year, its output of gold amounted to 1,395,475oz., against 986,323oz. in the corresponding period of 1892, 573,328oz. in that of 1891, and 397,676oz. in that of 1890, thus trebling itself in three years. Since January, 1889 (12 months after the first official return was published), the yield of every successive month has shown a substantial increase over that of the corresponding period of the previous year. That the maximum ha not yet been reached appears evident from the fact that the yield of October last (136,682oz.) was considerably larger than that of any previous month in the history of the field. Should the other South African goldfields prove as prolific as it is hoped, they may afford a very welcome counterpoise to the liberal production of silver, which of late has been presenting such a difficult problem to the financiers of India and the United States.

A novel departure is the establishment by the Government of South Australia of a depot in London for the sale of wines and produce. The project was sanctioned by Act of Parliament, but by resolutions which were agreed to by both Houses, and which stipulate that the outlay is not to exceed £300 per annum nor to extend over five years. The experiment will be watched with much interest, surrounded as it is with obvious dangers from the somewhat heterogeneous mixture of private and public interests which it appears necessarily to involve. The *S. A. Register* is of opinion that the cardinal defect of the scheme is that it attempts too much. The original proposition was that a store should be found in London to which South Australian wines could be sent, with the double object of restoring their condition after the long voyage and of affording to wine merchants and others facilities for sampling the vintages of the colony under favourable circumstances, and of making purchase through the representatives of the shippers. This simple project has since been extended by the requirement that other produce shall be received, and it has now been further enlarged and made more complicated by the provision that the manager shall act as the agent for the consignors for disposing of the commodities entrusted to him. The *Register* confesses to entertaining serious misgivings as to the outcome of such a scheme. There is no analogy, it points out, in the conditions affecting wines and those affecting other produce, and for the manager to be charged with the duty of salesman suggests difficulties in the future in his relations with individual consignors which are too patent to call for specialisation. Apart from these all-important considerations, the regulations seem to embrace nearly everything that can be provided for in this preliminary stage of the undertaking. They make the very necessary stipulation that the articles before being sent away from the colony shall receive the imprimatur of efficient inspectors, that on arrival in London the consignments shall be either taken into the depot or disposed of to purchasers willing to take delivery at once; that the wine on being received into store shall receive such treatment as is deemed necessary to make it marketable, and that advantage shall be taken of all proper opportunities for disposing of it to those willing to buy. Accounts of the condition of the shipments on arrival and account sales of all transactions are to be promptly transmitted to the Minister of Education and Agriculture, or such other Minister as may be entrusted with the conduct of the business. The whole of the charges for freight, insurance, storage, and so so forth are to be paid by consignors, upon whom also the entire responsibility connected with the shipments from the time of their despatch onwards is thrown. Should any wine remain in the depot so long that the storage charges upon it approximate to what the manager regards as its market value it can after three months' notice be disposed of to cover expenses. And, finally, the obligation is cast upon the manager of obtaining and sending to the colony full information as to new avenues for trade, and as to the best methods of packing and shipping produce.

EXPORT MARKET.

The market for colonial produce at Capetown does not appear to be particularly active. Messrs. Ball and Co., of that city, report on 23rd November:—

Ostrich Feathers.—Our market is moderately supplied. Good qualities are in fair demand at a reduction of about 5 per cent., but common qualities are very irregular and dreadfully weak. The London sales commence on Monday next; these sales are very heavily supplied, and the result of same is looked forward to with some anxiety. Shipments for the week, 47611b., valued at £8016; sales for last week, 94571b., sold for £3200. We quote the following as market rates:—Whites, ordinary primes, £6 to £7; whites, firsts, £4 10s to £5 10s; whites, seconds, £3 to £4; whites, thirds, £1 10s to £2; whites, inferior to stalky, 15s to £1; feminas, white, light, firsts to superior, £4 to £5 5s; seconds ditto, [illegible]

John A. Moore and Co., flour and produce salesmen, 123 Sussex-street, sell at Redfern daily. Full value obtained and proceeds rendered promptly.—[ADVT.]

H. Prescott and Co., Sussex-street, Sydney (established 1850), Sell Produce by auction and privately. Highest prices, prompt returns.—[ADVT.]

R. Hall and Son, produce merchants, auctioneers, and stock salesmen, 133 Sussex-st. Sales at Redfern daily.—[ADVT.]

£3 10s to £5; thirds ditto, £1 5s to £1 15s; inferior to stalky, 10s to 20s; ditto, dark ditto, £2 10s to £4 10s; fancy byocks, £3 10s to £5; tails, white, £1 17s 6d to £2 2s 6d; ditto, light, £1 5s to £1 15s; ditto, dark, 10s to 15s; blackbs, long, £3 10s to £4 5s; ditto, long medium, £2 10s to £3; medium, £1 10s to £2; ditto, short medium, £1 to £1 10s; ditto, medium and short, 15s to £1; short common, 2s 6d to 5s; long floss, 15s to 17s 6d; short floss, 4s to 7s; drabs, long, £1 15s to £2 5s; common, 2s 6d to 5s; long medium, £1 5s to £1 15s; long floss, 15s to 17s 6d; short medium, 17s 6d to £1 5s; short floss, 4s to 7s; medium and short, 5s to 7s 6d; spadonas, white, £1 7s 6d to £1 15s; light, £1 to £1 5s; spadonas, dark, 7s 6d to 10s; dark chicks, 1s to 2s 6d.

Wool.—We have no change to report in the tone of our market this week. Consignments continue to arrive freely, and are placed at the following equivalent of values, though we could wish for a brisker competition:—Superior Karoo grease, 5d to 5½d; medium to fair average, 4½d to 4¾d as the washerics; inferior and faulty wools, 3½d to 4d, neglected.

Skins.—All descriptions are firm. Arrivals moderate. Goats, sound, 9d; sandy ditto, 6d; long wools, 4½d; short wools, 4d; scabby ditto, and bastards, 3½d; Capes, 1s 6d each. Damaged skins according to quality.

The South Australian inspector of butter, Mr. E. G. B. Ebdy, has furnished a report to his Government on the method of shipping butter adopted in Victoria. He states that the South Australian butter is fully equal in quality to that of Victoria; but it is depreciated in the London market because the inferior descriptions are not sufficiently distinguished from the prime qualities. He points out that in order to virtually prohibit the exportation of low-grade butter to the London market, the Victorian Government engage the freight in the regular mail steamers, and insist upon all butter intended for shipment by these lines being submitted for examination. In consequence of not having a similar control in South Australia a quantity of inferior butter has been shipped along with the bonus butter from that colony to the London market, both under the same shipping marks, the only outward difference being the Government brand on each box of bonus butter; in some instances bonus butter has been shipped along with rejected butter from the same dairy or factory, and bearing the same name or device in addition to the same shipping marks. This, he considers, may in some measure account for the difficulty of obtaining correct information as to the actual prices realised for South Australian bonus butter in England, and also for some of the conflicting cablegrams that have occasionally come to hand, as he maintains that there is no possible reason why the best of the South Australian butter should not realise as high a price as that from the neighbouring colonies. He further reports that the butter has suffered by the use of boxes made from unseasoned New Zealand pine, which throws off a moisture and mildews the paper lining. It is very probable, he states, that a cargo of New Zealand white pine boards, of suitable thickness and size for butter-boxes, will be exported to South Australia direct from New Zealand in time for next season's requirements, which will enable the factories to turn out their produce in good sound boxes made of properly-seasoned wood, and with a clean and attractive appearance. Mr. Ebdy also inspected a factory at Bacchus Marsh for the manufacture of concentrated milk, and recommends that this industry also shall be established in South Australia.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

PRODUCE INWARDS.

PORT ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

The steamer Buninyong sailed for Sydney today with the following cargo:—1150 bags flour, 36 cases wine, and sundries.

ADELAIDE, TUESDAY.

The Innsmincka sailed for Sydney on Saturday with the following cargo:—350 bags wheat, 1350 packages flour, 70 packages eggs, and sundries.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Stock Exchange being closed for the holidays, no business was done in the Mining market yesterday.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BROKEN HILL, TUESDAY.

A subsidence has taken place in the Proprietary mine. The cavity is about 350ft. across at the surface, and has caused a distress using as a silver mine, as silver is still liable to further depreciation. People trade not for the love of it, but to make a profit. The merchant's and the manufacturer's first thought is, "If I buy or produce at £5 a ton, shall I be able to sell at £5½ per ton?" The question reaches him that in the East he can at this moment get for his goods an amount of silver equal to £5½ per ton, and he accordingly bargains to do so. By the time, however, that he has sent his goods and got his silver the price of silver has fallen, and he can bring back no more than £5 per ton. His profit, that is, has disappeared in the fall in exchange. Under such circumstances, who can doubt that while silver is perpetually falling trade is stopped and injured? Though a single standard of value is best for trade, a rising standard of value does not destroy it. A falling standard, however, makes business almost impossible. Whether gold is or is not appreciated is not precisely to say. But no one, we think, can doubt (1) that silver is depreciated, and (2) that such depreciation is bad for trade.

Whether it will be possible to help silver by Government action is a very difficult question. Many persons will, no doubt, declare that Mr. Balfour's appeal to his countrymen to do something for silver is like the episcopal appeal over which Mr. Matthew Arnold made so merry. We are, however, inclined to think that the hope of Mr. Balfour is not altogether absurd. Short of bimetallism, a use could surely be found for silver, and we do not see why a new conference should not be called with a view to discussing this and other possibilities, and not see why the Powers should not agree, (1) to make silver legal tender up to £10; (2) to bind themselves to issue silver coins for discharging debts under £10 at an agreed ratio to gold—these might, of course, be also made the basis of a note-issue; (3) to let the amount to be coined by each State be equal to at least one year's State revenue. As it would be possible to pay all taxes under £10 in this silver coin, or in notes based upon it, and as there would not be a plethora of it in any one country, owing to the agreement as to the amount to be coined, there would be no risk of the silver notes or coins getting depreciated, and yet something handsome would be done for silver. We do not put these suggestions forth as in any sense a final or deliberate scheme, but merely to indicate roughly that there are ways of using more silver, short of bimetallism, which are worth discussing. These ways of doing something for silver would have been discussed at the Brussels Conference but for England, and would have had the support of many Continental monometallists. It was, in no small measure, our refusal to do anything for silver which made the Brussels Conference a fiasco, and brought on us the bitterness of Adolph Soetbeer, a leading German monometallist, prophesied what would be the result of our action. His words, quoted by Mr. Henry Hucks Gibbs, in the preface to his very able and readable pamphlet, "A Colloquy of Bimetallism," are worth attention:—"I fear that if the English Government, on the occasion of the forthcoming International Monetary Conference, should refuse to submit or support practicable propositions destined to extend considerably the use of silver as legal tender, there will probably result a further incalculable depreciation in the value of the metal and a very serious appreciation of gold, followed by disastrous consequences." As we have said above, the silver crisis is now entering upon its most acute stage. Under these circumstances, we hold that Mr. Balfour and the Government should think long and carefully before they decide either that there is no need to do anything for silver, or that nothing can be done for silver. The question is, at any rate, one which ought not to be settled offhand by a joke or a sneer.

LAW NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT.—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Causes—At 11 a.m.: Kauri Timber Company v. Gillies, Johnston v. Hellman, Davies v. Lyne, Goulston v. Sharpe, Kellie v. Pitt, Gorman v. Wellington, Duke v. Pedemiers and another.

One of the queerest musical instruments ever known, and perhaps the only one of its kind, says the San Francisco *Examiner*, has reached here from Greensville, East Tennessee. The queer instrument is a violin made from a gourd, and it is 39 years old. The strangest, weirdest music that ever was heard comes from it. The tones are fine and soft, and float on the air as from the land of spirits. James Anderson Taylor, governor of Tennessee, and uncle of the famous Taylor boys who fiddled their way through Tennessee during a recent gubernatorial campaign, used to play on it. He made music from the gourd fiddle at the reception to Andrew Johnson by the people of Greensville, his native town, just after he was made President of the United States. He played the "Old Virginia Reel," the "Father's Hornpipe," and many other things, and the President "hoed it down" with everybody present, and enjoyed it more than he could tell. The gourd grew at Johnsonville in said State, and it, with the neck, which is of poplar, is 16in. long. The keys are common violin keys, the strings catgut, and the sounding-board of leather from a stitch-down shoe, while the bridge is of poplar. The bow is of a dark wood and the hairs black, being plucked from a horse's tail. The older the fiddle grows the better it is, so H. C. Atkinson says, who owns it.

CLEANING SILVER.—All difficulty in keeping silver electroplate, &c., untarnished and with brilliant polish may never fail to arrise if using Goddard's Non-mercurial Plate Powder. Sold everywhere, in boxes, 1s, 2s 6d, and 4s 6d. Six gold medals. Sole manufacturer—J. Goddard, Leicester, England.—[ADVT.]

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THE SILVER CRISIS.

The currency outlook of the world, says the *Spectator*, becomes daily more dark and doubtful. In the first place it is evident that, though the Indian Government have obtained relief by closing the mints to free coinage of silver—they can no longer be throttled at will by the holders of silver—they have obtained that relief at what may prove a very heavy sacrifice. As yet, the mass of the population of India have not realised that the man who two months ago had 30 silver bracelets has now only got 20—*i.e.*, the worth of 20; but when they do, and when the full effect of a currency appreciated by law is felt, it is quite conceivable that India may show very grave signs of disturbance. What will greatly add to the trouble is the fact that the Indian peasant, in one way or another, is liable to the making of fixed payments, generally for interest on loans, and that the burden of these fixed payments will be increased by the policy of closing the mints. Before, when silver fell, the burden of all silver payments fell with it. Now, however, the burden of a sum of rupees payable as interest will remain fixed, though the price of silver, measured in gold, continues to fall. No doubt Mr. Courtney is right in pointing out that the first of these hardships—the depreciation of the silver hoards of the Indian peasant—can easily be exaggerated, and that since many of those hoards are in coined silver, the raising of the price of the rupee will often help rather than injure the ryot. Still, when all is said and done, the fact remains that the Indian side of the silver crisis has been by no means surmounted, and that if, as seems possible, the intrinsic value of the rupee falls to 8d or 9d, we may need some further means of meeting the difficulty. We say this not because we have come to think that the policy adopted by the Indian Government was otherwise than courageous and sagacious. We fully admit that it was absolutely essential for them to shut the mints in some form or other. All we wish to insist on is that the public must not consider the silver problem solved for India.

If the outlook as regards silver is black in India, it is still blacker in the United States. The resolute character of the President's message seems to make it likely that the Silver Purchase Law will be abolished; that America will cease to make great monthly purchases of silver; and that in some form, open or veiled, America will become monometallic. But as soon as this happens, the pressure on gold will be greater than ever, and the demand for silver less, with the natural result that prices measured in gold will fall still more, and that silver, as compared with gold, will be further depreciated. Now, though distrusted as we are to take the side of the bimetallists, we cannot think, as Sir William Harcourt appears to do, that the fate of silver is nothing to us, and that England can afford to smile at the trouble of the silver-using countries. The notion that since things have been made easy in India the silver problem is over for England is as absurdity. Trade is too essentially international for us to be indifferent to the fate of silver, even granted that we have managed to keep India from getting involved in the crash. Whatever hurts the rest of the world must hurt us, since we sell to the whole of mankind. Take for a moment what is going on in America. Can any sane man pretend that the disturbance of business, the breaking of banks, the insolvency of great traders, and the general distrust, can have anything but an ill effect on the trade of England? When, then, Mr. Balfour says, as he said at the Mansion House, and in the House of Commons, that it behoves us to see if something cannot be done to restore silver to its old place in the currency of the world, we are in agreement with him. That is, in our opinion, not only a perfectly legitimate object, but one which demands the closest attention of our statesmen. His actual words are worth quoting:—"I am convinced," he said, "that this question is one of the first importance to every man in this country; and although this is not the occasion—and I should be the last man to make it so—for advancing any particular views of my own as to the way in which we ought to solve the great currency difficulties of the world, it is incumbent upon every man in this House, whatever his convictions may be, to realise that there is a great currency difficulty which we, if we ought, in no spirit of Pharisaic optimism, to set our shoulders to the wheel, and to do what we can to rehabilitate what has been, what ought to be, if we are to remain prosperous, a great measure and medium of exchange in the civilised world—namely, that silver which has been always associated with gold in carrying on the commerce of mankind." A moment's reflection will show how extremely difficult is the position of English men of business who have dealings with countries using a silver standard as long as silver is still liable to further depreciation. People trade not for the love of it, but to make a profit. The merchant's and the manufacturer's first thought is, "If I buy or produce at £5 a ton, shall I be able to sell at £5½ per ton?" The question reaches him that in the East he can at this moment get for his goods an amount of silver equal to £5½ per ton, and he accordingly bargains to do so. By the time, however, that he has sent his goods and got his silver the price of silver has fallen, and he can bring back no more than £5 per ton. His profit, that is, has disappeared in the fall in exchange. Under such circumstances, who can doubt that while silver is perpetually falling trade is stopped and injured? Though a single standard of value is best for trade, a rising standard of value does not destroy it. A falling standard, however, makes business almost impossible. Whether gold is or is not appreciated is not precisely to say. But no one, we think, can doubt (1) that silver is depreciated, and (2) that such depreciation is bad for trade.

STATE SOCIALISM IN NEW ZEALAND.

The following is the *Times'* report of the address which the Earl of Onslow recently delivered in London with regard to State socialism at the Antipodes:—

After pointing out that the labour interest was likely to engross the greater part of the time of Parliament in future, and command the direction of the policy of the State, he said there could be no more interesting subject for consideration than the aims and demands of those who had now acquired political power. He pointed out that in Australasia, and specially in New Zealand, where free and compulsory education had been in existence for 20 years, we found the best educated men who worked with their hands in a country free from the privileges and prejudices to be found in the mother country—men or the sons of men who had recently left our shores living in a temperate climate and governed by the three estates under a Parliamentary and party system precisely similar to our own. He showed that the six points demanded by the People's Charter 45 years ago were enjoyed by the people of New Zealand. During his residence in that country both Mr. Ballance, the leader of the Liberal party, and Sir Harry Atkinson, who was at the head of the less advanced party, were to a great extent State socialists, and believed in the purity of municipal and State administration, and that the interest on capital would gradually diminish, and that the municipalities and the State would obtain control of all the institutions which ministered to the everyday wants of the people. After referring in complimentary terms to the work of the Labour Commission, and expressing regret that the services of its staff should, upon the termination of its labours, be lost to the country, he proceeded to show from quotations of leading statesmen in New Zealand that, possessing exceptionally favourable opportunities, they believed it to be their duty to make experiments, even should some of those experiments fail. He traced the history of the great strike in 1890, which he said was not, like the present dispute in the coal trade, centred on the particular amount of money to be earned, or of time spent in the work, but whether men should work for employers who had combined, and whether employers should be allowed to employ men who had not combined. Some of the members of the New Zealand Parliament were so overawed by the power of the unions that they telegraphed to the secretary, asking for permission to obstruct the business of Parliament until the strike should be terminated. The new Parliament in New Zealand consisted of 40 men of business, six journalists, and representatives of a number of handicrafts; but even then there were only seven mechanics to 80,000 wage-earners, and the 3000 professional men in the colony were better represented than the 40,000 farmers. When the labour party in New Zealand selected an experienced Parliamentary hand as leader and threw in their lot with the advanced party, the trade union representatives in New South Wales, numbering about 30, failed to attain their ends because they had no experienced leader, and endeavoured to hold the balance of parties, with the result of producing a coalition against them. Having drawn attention to the recent contest between the Governor and his Ministers, decided in favour of the latter by Lord Ripon, Lord Onslow said that 12 "peers" from the party in power, of whom four were working men, were added to the Legislative Council. One of these, to whom the announcement of his appointment arrived while at work under a boiler, so little anticipated such a message that he desired the messenger to "shove it through the hole at the top"—(laughter)—and under these circumstances first became aware that in future he would be entitled to the distinction of "honourable." Throughout the British Empire, Sir George Whitmore, who commanded the troops engaged in the Maori wars, and other members of the Upper House, greeted the newly-elevated peers at the entrance, and said that none of the members of the revising chamber represented either classes or localities, and that he hoped they would not hear anything of the labour members of the Council. The new "peers" were far from supporting the Government on every occasion, and the boilermaker declared that those who voted they were only there to vote for the proposals of the Government uttered preposterous nonsense, and, in fact, one-half of the 12 voted against the most important Ministerial proposal of the session. He animadverted strongly on the attacks made by the Democratic parties on the Civil servants when called upon to pay their salaries, pointing out that if the State was to discharge these new duties, and to minister to the wants of its people, its officers must be the most competent to be found, and must be placed above the temptations which were the real danger to the development of State socialism. He said it was the custom to strike off 10 per cent. from the salaries all round whenever retrenchment was needed, and told how the captain of the Government steamer retorted upon a retrenching Minister, who complained of the speed of the vessel, that "she did not go so fast since he had knocked 10 per cent. off her wages." (Laughter.) Lord Onslow then proceeded to describe the several experiments made in New Zealand. He said that the Government had expended large sums in providing water for mining purposes for working miners, and gave them the right of purchasing sluiceworks, remunerating them not in money, but in orders for water for the purposes of getting gold. He described the Government system of settling men upon the land, advancing money for house-building and recommended to the consideration of the General Booth for the purpose of his overseas colony. In a visit to two of these settlements, one formed by voluntary association and the other from the unemployed, he found the voluntary association in a prosperous condition; but the unemployed were crying upon the Government to take them out of the "hole" they had brought them to, and he formed the opinion that while in no case were the Government without ample security for their advances, yet only in and out of the selection of the land could it would secure success. Up to the present time 900 men in 85 settlements held 22,677 acres; £24,625 has been advanced by the State; the amount receivable for rent and interest has been £19,522, of which £2000 has been paid; the value of the 22,677 acres of land is estimated at £91,509. Reverting to the "bursting up" policy of the graduated taxation of the land, he claimed that the New Zealand Government had recognised the principle that to take land, except for public purposes, was a violation of property, and that to give less than its value would constitute robbery. (Hear, hear.) The colony had acquired by purchase, at the owners' valuation, the largest estate in the colony, amounting to 85,000 acres, and had sold it to 1000 men, who had paid nearly half now open for settlement, and he believed that, so long as the Government did not unduly saddle the colony with debt, this experiment in the resumption of the national estate would be likely to prove satisfactory not to the speculator and the landowners. He described the Labour Department in New Zealand, and attributed its success as compared with that established in Victoria, and abolished in May last, to the fact that numerous country branches were created, and that instead of attracting all the workmen to the central office in the capital. He described the system of co-operation on Government works by which the men formed themselves into gangs, the strong joining with the strong, and the weak with the weak, so that the latter, though they could not execute work with rapidity, were yet not altogether excluded from employment. He laid great stress on the fact that these Government works must under any circumstances be regarded as not undertaken for the purpose of creating work. The colony thus carried into effect Carlyle's doctrine, "There must be a chivalry of work as there was a chivalry of fighting war." (Hear, hear.) He described the Public Trust Office and the railway system (stating that the State construction of railways, which was general in the Australasian colonies, had not been wholly satisfactory), the difference between the law in England and New Zealand relating to factories and employers' liability, the legislation to secure a half-holiday in the week to those employed in shops, and the Government Insurance Department, which appeared to be beating out of the field the rival insurance companies, owing to the superior guarantee that could be offered by the State. He complained of the manner in which feeling had been created between the mother country and the colonies in consequence of unqualified telegrams despatched to secure priority, and mentioned a mistake which arose from mixing up a speech referring to Mr. Parnell with the result of the Lincolnshire Handicap, in which Veracity, Tyrone, and Lobster finished in the order named, while the public was informed that the Irish leader was said to have "put the veracity of a Tyrone lobster." (Laughter.) But by far the most interesting experiment, he thought, would be the extension of the franchise to the women in New Zealand, which was for both parties a purely problematic experiment. In considering how far the experience of New Zealand might be taken advantage of by England, he pointed out that without protection the eight-hours day would be possible only on condition that Australia should abandon her attempt to manufacture. Two interesting results were noticeable. First, that labour leaders entrusted with power became imbued with a sense of responsibility, and could successfully resist the establishment of State charity in the guise of work on unprofitable undertakings. Secondly, that members of a revising Chamber, drawn from whatever party, would resist measures which they believed not to be the deliberate will of the people. He thought the whole of the labour problem lay in the best manner of adjusting the relations between the price of labour and the price of commodities. Commodities were lowest in England; labour was highest in New Zealand. If England wished to adopt State-Socialism, he thought the battle between the consumer and the producer must be fought over again. He earnestly hoped that English political parties striving for support would not promise to the ignorant greater boons than those promised by others. Precipitancy was foreign to the steady persistance of the English character, and a party of moderate progress would lose its *raison d'être* were it to strive to "go one better" than the advanced party. He thought that these experiments should be adopted only where they had fully proved successful, and it could be shown that they would not prejudicially affect England's commercial position and the economic advantages we at present possessed. (Hear, hear.)

The grand jury at the Old Bailey, London, on the 19th October, before being discharged, made a presentment strongly in favour of the lash being ordered in cases of assaults on children.

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CABRAMATTA AND CANLEY VALE.

THE PROPOSED LOAN ABANDONED.

A meeting was held in the Association Hall, Canley Vale, on Thursday, Present: The Mayor (Alderman H. F. Latham), and Aldermen Asinus, Donald, Westacott, Simpson, and Stimson. Correspondence: The secretary of the Progress Association wrote asking the council to form a joint deputation with them to interview the Minister for Public Instruction and enter a protest against a movement set on foot for the removal of the St. John's Park Public School. Alderman Donald moved,—"That the letter be received." He thought the council should comply with the request, as the removal of the school would prove detrimental to the interests of the residents of St. John's Park and Canley Vale, while it would only benefit one or two individuals. Alderman Stimson seconded the motion. The motion was carried, several of the aldermen agreeing to comply with the request. Messrs. Hardie and German wrote stating that various owners had expressed their willingness to hand over certain land near the Cabramatta station to the council on condition that the latter received to erect a councillation chamber upon it. After discussion, Alderman Donald moved, and Alderman Stimson seconded,—"That a reply be sent stating that the council were not at present in a position to accept the offer." Carried. Mr. T. Lemoe wrote on behalf of Mr. Hill relative to the council's proposed loan of £1000, stating that his client would have to be fully satisfied that the council could legally create a mortgage so as to be a first charge over its revenues, in the face of existing mortgages given by the municipality of Liverpool, the originally constituted, and of which the municipality of Cabramatta and Canley Vale formed part, before he could see his way clear to advance the loan. Alderman Donald said as there appeared so many difficulties in the way respecting the loan, and although he did not see how the council could meet their liabilities without it, he would move,—"That no further action be taken by the council towards borrowing the money." Alderman Stimson said he had objected from the outset to the borrowing of the money. He was pleased to find that circumstances had arisen to prevent the council getting the money, and had much pleasure in seconding the motion. Since the separation the council had done remarkably well, having spent the sum of £400 and paid off the overdraft. This in itself was an improvement from what they had got while forming part of the Liverpool municipality, and he thought the ratepayers were perfectly satisfied with the progress made. Alderman Donald pointed out that the debt to Liverpool Council would have to be met, and the approach erected on the Canley Vale side of the new bridge over Orphan School Creek. He failed to see how this could be done with borrowed money. A portion of the £400 expended was money received from the Government. The motion was carried.

ERMINGTON AND RYDALMERE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above council was held on Friday evening. Present—The Mayor (Alderman N. Kirby), and Aldermen Spurway, Jenkins, Stevens, and Ryan. The librarian submitted his annual report, and suggested the purchase of more books. Correspondence was received from Messrs. F. Farnell and J. Garrard, Ma.L.A., in reference to the erection of a shed on Ermington Wharf, stating that the Minister for Works regretted there were no funds available for the purpose. Received. From Mr. B. G. Simpson, in reference to the sites for stations on the Rosehill-Castle Hill railway, stating that the wishes of the council in this respect would receive consideration. A letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to Alderman Jordan, of Ryde, in his and bereavement.

POLICE COURTS.

A RECORD ESTABLISHED.

At the Central Police Court yesterday morning Mr. James Giles, S.M., established a record by disposing of 147 cases within the space of 40 minutes. The majority of the charges were drunken, mess on Saturday night, Christmas Eve, and whristmas Day, and as the festive season as some excuse for over-indulgence, between 80 and 90 prisoners were fined in a nominal amount, with the alternative of imprisonment until the rising of the court. There were a few charges of a more important character, but these cases were remanded.

DRUNKENNESS AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

At the Glebe Police Court, Mr. F. W. Edwards, D.S.M., presided. T. Abrahams and J. Egan were respectively fined 10s, or in lieu imprisoned till the rising of the Court, for drunkenness. J. Willis, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and J. Lewis, for riotous behaviour, were fined 10s each, or three days' imprisonment. R. Walpole, J. Winfield, and A. Walker were respectively fined 20s or seven days' imprisonment for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

At the NEWTOWN POLICE COURT Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., presided. H. Ramsay and Louis Michaelis were respectively fined 20s or three days' imprisonment for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. J. Hyne and T. J. Ryan were each fined 10s, or two days, for a similar offence. J. M'Farlane, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was fined 20s or three days. A Murphy was fined 10s, or two days, for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and van.

At the REDFERN POLICE COURT Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., presided. Annie Dihms was fined 5s, or to be imprisoned till the rising of the court, for drunkenness. H. Connally and W. Crumpton were charged with a similar offence, the former being fined 10s, or two days, and the latter 20s, or four days' imprisonment.

At the Paddington Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, D.S.M., Augustus Stinson and Ernest Compton, charged with riotous conduct, were each fined £2, or, in default, one month's imprisonment.

BAD LANGUAGE.

At the Newtown Police Court, Alfred Harper was fined £5, or two months' imprisonment, for using bad language. Braidwood Delph, for a similar offence, was fined 40s, or one month.

RIOTOUS BEHAVIOUR.

At the Newtown Police Court, Augustus Buckley was fined 20s, levy and distress, or seven days, for behaving in a riotous manner.

ILLTREATING A HORSE.

At the Redfern Police Court P. Roan was fined 20s, with costs, or seven days' imprisonment, for illtreating a horse by working it when it was in an unfit state.

DAMAGING PROPERTY.

At the Newtown Police Court, John M'Farlane was fined £2 and ordered to pay the damage, or two months' imprisonment, for wilfully damaging a window, the property of A. W. Sharland, at Burwood, on Saturday. Accused was in prosecutor's hotel creating a disturbance when the offence was committed.

ASSAULTS.

At the Newtown Police Court, John M'Farlane was sentenced to two months' hard labour for assaulting A. W. Sharland at Burwood, on Saturday. Accused was creating a disturbance in prosecutor's hotel, and prosecutor wished to eject him, when the assault was committed. Alfred Harper was sentenced to three months' hard labour for assaulting Constable Percy when arresting him for using bad language. W. H. Riley was fined £2, or one month, for assaulting one Arthur Smith, by striking him in the face.

At the Redfern Police Court, W. Crumpton was fined 10s, or 21 days' imprisonment, for assaulting H. Wicks.

THEFT FROM AN HOTEL.

At the Water Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, D.S.M., two youths, by name Philip Hunter and Richard Bunger, were each sent to gaol for one month, with hard labour, for stealing a quantity of draught ale from the cellar of the Star and Garter Hotel, King-street. Hunter was employed at the hotel as waiter, and, in the absence of the licensee, made a raid on the ale casks, in company with Bunger.

PITT TOWN VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A week or two ago you did me the favour of publishing a letter bearing on the above subject, and I should be obliged if you will kindly insert the following. In the first place, I think you deserve the thanks of everyone in the colony for sending a representative of your widely-read journal to inspect and report on the settlement. I read the report as published in the *Herald* with great interest, and coming as it does from a purely disinterested source every one who has read it and who has a desire to see the people settled on the land must have been highly gratified at the work already accomplished and the crops that are growing there. When it is taken into consideration that the work was only commenced about four months ago, and that most of the persons comprising the settlement have not been accustomed to till the soil or cultivate crops, the results are very satisfactory, and with fair play augur well for the future.

With regard to what your representative says about the land is very true. In conversation with one of the leading farmers in the district a few days ago, amongst other things, he said, "I don't think much of the village settlement, but I wish to goodness the land was mine." Probably this finds an echo in the breast of many a farmer in the district; therefore it can hardly be wondered at that so many detractors have had their say about the settlement. Those members of Parliament who are doing so much to discredit work in this direction can have very little sympathy with those who are trying to settle people on the land. If the Government had bought a large area on the Windsor rich flats and made a settlement there, it is very likely some M.L.A. would have rushed into print and said that the flats are liable to be flooded and the settlers will all be drowned and their crops destroyed.

The water in the dam at the settlement is reported to be discoloured. This is a common occurrence in nearly all newly-formed dams, and is caused by the rains washing the disturbed soil and holding the fine particles in suspension. In some cases this can be rectified by spreading the contents of a bag or so of pulverised unslacked lime on the surface of the water, which will act mechanically on it, and usually precipitate the suspended particles. According to your report, there are several acres cleared, and now are ready for cropping. Considering that the time is now close at hand for planting for the autumn crop of potatoes, the settlers would probably be acting wisely if they put a large area under cultivation of this most useful of all garden esculents.

I am, &c., JOS. O. ROGERSON.

It is not right to deride any man's infirmity, but if it consists in fast-greying locks he ought to know that Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer never fails to restore the hair to its youthful colour and charm.—[ADVT.]

THE VALUE OF OBSERVANCES.

We are by no means surprised that the Jews are disposed to treat the accusation of cruelty in their way of killing animals for food as a new mode of persecution. It is extremely improbable that the people of Switzerland cared two straws how the Jews prepared calves for eating, or believed that poleaxing was so much more merciful a way of killing than bleeding animals to death. Mercy

Funerals.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. PETER BOONEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SON, William; to move from corner Albion-lane and Waterloo-street, S. Hills, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, to Necropolis. W. J. DIXON and CO., 169 Riley-street, 120 Oxford-street, 183 George-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. MICHAEL WALLACE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved NEPHEW, William Rooney; to move from corner Albion-lane and Waterloo-street, S. Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, to Necropolis. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street; 42 Rosa-street, Forest Lodge. Tele., 588.

THE FRIENDS of the late GEORGE HARCOURT, of Gunnedoo, are respectfully informed that his Funeral will leave Cardigan, Walker-street, North Sydney, at 1 o'clock, and the transit steamer, Circular Quay, at 1.30, THIS DAY (Wednesday), for Rookwood Cemetery. W. H. HOWARD, Walker-street, North Sydney.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. SAMUEL JACKSON are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of Mrs. George Jackson, Turner-street, Redfern, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern. Telephone, 1527.

THE Funeral of the late AUGUSTUS CHARLES SMITHERS will leave his mother's residence, Dulhe, Roslyn-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA.

Lectures.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

LECTURES on GAS COOKERY will be given at the Australian Gaslight Company's showroom, Haymarket, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, by Miss SWAYNE, and on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, by Miss MANNING.

Each Lecture to commence at 3 p.m.

ADMISSION FREE.

Businesses for Sale.

JOSEPH and CO., 105 King-st.—Hotel, very central, 7 years, rent 40s, full price £750.

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JOSEPH.—Hotel, near principal wharfs, long lease, proof trade, full price £800, sure fortune.

JOSEPH.—Hotel, Redfern, 7 years, trade £40, full price £750, must sell, worth inspection.

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JOSEPH and CO., General Business Agents, Tasman-chambers, 105 King-st. Established 1866.

BOARDING-HOUSE, city, well furn., low rent, 14 boarders, 25s wk., bargain. Joseph, 105 King-st.

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GRILL and Refresh., pos. Al, takings £15 week, rent 22s, special chance. Joseph, 105 King-st.

FANCY Goods and Stat'y, sub., first-class trade, same hands many years, very recent. Joseph and Co.

COLONIAL Wine and Beer, centre city, clear profits £6 weekly, trial given. Joseph, 105 King-st.

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TOBAC. and H'dresser's, grand con., handsomely fitted, good sound trade, £60. Joseph, 105 King-st.

GROCERY, corner pos., taking £30 weekly, rent 22s, great chance energetic couple. Joseph, King-st.

JOSEPH and CO.—Bakery and 8 milk-roads, 6 tons weekly, proof, full prices, terms. 105 King-st.

ROBINSON and CO., 128 Pitt-street, next to "Star" Office, have just been instructed to dispose of the leading HOTEL on the S. Western line, containing about 50 rooms, doing a very large business, and having almost the whole of the squatting and commercial trade. Call for particulars.

ROBINSON and CO., 128 Pitt-street.—Shop HOTEL, 40 miles from Sydney, 29 rooms, well furnished, trade £40 weekly, rent £2, lease 15 years, £100 cash.

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BELL.—Hotel, Surry Hills, fine corner, lease 7, rent £2 10s, stables let off, full price £850, terms.

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LOT 1.—Stock-in-Trade, consisting of

Fancy, Millinery, and Underclothing	£653 19 10
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Stationery and Patent Medicines	76 12 8
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	£3944 8 9

LOT 2.—Book Debts:

Good	£226 0 0	
Doubtful	96 0 0	
Bad	21 0 0	
	£343 0 0	
		£3287 8 9

Stock-sheets may be seen, Tender forms and further information obtained, at the office of the Official Assignee, also at the office of Messrs. James Robertson and Co., 177 Pitt-street, Sydney, and at the Store. The above lots may be tendered for separately or conjointly. A deposit of 10 per cent. must accompany each Tender.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

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Lot 1. Woodworking Machinery, specially adapted for Railway Carriage Works, valued at	£872 0 0
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The usual 10 per cent. conditions.

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EXTENSION OF TIME.

The date of receiving TENDERS in the above Estate has been extended to SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 12 o'clock.

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W. E. DIXON, Secretary.

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